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Clashes continue

Fuel rationing imposed in Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — The National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) announced Wednesday that oil products would be rationed in Iran from Wednesday because of the strike by oil workers.

NIOC chairman Abdolaziz Entezam said on the official Radio Iran that he made the announcement "with great regret."

Oil industry sources said production had dropped to less than 500,000 barrels a day, Iran needs 600,000 barrels daily for domestic consumption.

Normal daily production was more than six million barrels, making Iran the world's second largest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia. But exports are reported to have ceased.

Entezam gave no details of how the rationing would work.

Morocco said seeking Islamic summit

LONDON, Dec. 27 — Morocco has proposed an Islamic summit to discuss the future of Jerusalem, the London-based "Asharq Al-Awsat" newspaper reported Wednesday.

It is believed the Moroccan initiative was launched at the request of President Anwar Sadat who asked King Hassan to persuade other national leaders to agree to holding such a conference.

"Asharq Al-Awsat" said the Moroccan proposal has met with little enthusiasm for several reasons. It cited them as:

— The question of Jerusalem has already been discussed at previous Islamic and Arab summits and a number of binding resolutions taken.

— The Arab and Islamic stand with regards to the holy city

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But he said it would last until striking oil workers, protesting against the Shah and the military-led government, went back to work.

He called on the country's religious leaders to "consider this problem," an apparent appeal to them to encourage workers to return to their posts.

Religious leaders are closely linked to the growing opposition to the Shah and the military-led government, which has been a focal point of the anti-Shah movement.

NIOC spokesmen declined to comment on the size of Iran's oil reserves, but industry sources have said the country may be forced to import from its fellow OPEC members.

The bad news about the growing economic impact of the political unrest was announced as elite army rangers opened automatic weapons fire on a funeral procession of anti-Shah demonstrators near Tehran University and at least four people were confirmed dead and 22 wounded.

Rifle and machine gun fire echoed across Tehran as demonstrators pressed a relentless guerrilla war against weary army troops and police.

On one street, witnesses said, rioters exchanged fire with army units and three troops were wounded.

The thousands-strong funeral procession called to mark the killing Tuesday of a 27-year-old civil engineering professor during a sit-down strike, erupted into violence when troops opened fire after it had paraded for about a quarter mile (1/2 km) with the victim's body and family at its head, witnesses said.

A spokesman for the opposition National Front said the shouting, which began as the procession reached the 24th of Esfand Square, may have started when some troops concluded that other soldiers policing the mourners had defected to anti-Shah opposition.

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SOMALI LEADER: King K. bled during his meeting Wednesday with Somali Vice President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samantar.

Confers with Sultan

Somali leader meets Khaled

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — King Khalid Wednesday received Somali Vice-President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samantar who is visiting the country at the invitation of Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

The meeting was attended by

Dr. Rashad Pharaon, the King's personal advisor.

Samantar held talks with Prince Sultan later in the day on increasing cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by Gen. Othman Al-Humaid, chief of

staff and other senior officers.

The Somali leader and the accompanying delegation later visited the King Abdul Aziz Military Academy, toured various departments and watched a film illustrating its activities.

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Sadat: Chances of resuming talks with Israel 'very good'

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat said Wednesday there was a "very good chance" of peace negotiations with Israel resuming soon but said that Egypt had not yet received an invitation.

Sadat's statement to reporters followed a declaration Tuesday by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin that he was prepared to hold "clarification talks" on two issues standing in the way of a treaty.

"It appears, especially after what has been declared by U.S. President Carter, that there is a very good chance for a new round of negotiations, but until this moment Premier (Mustapha) Khalil didn't receive any invitation," Sadat said after a two-hour meeting with members of his ruling National Democratic Party's parliamentary committee.

Carter, who predicted on Christmas eve that a Middle East peace treaty eventually would be signed, has given support to Egyptian proposals for breaking the deadlocked treaty talks.

The Egyptian leader postponed a trip to the upper Egyptian city of Aswan, prompting speculation that arrangements were underway to resume a new round of talks in the coming weeks.

But Sadat said he canceled the trip for domestic reasons and that it had nothing to do with the peace process. Sadat said he was remaining in Cairo to work out final details of a plan to decentralize the government on Jan. 1.

Asked if intensive, behind-the-scenes arrangements were

being made for a new negotiation forum with the help of the United States, Sadat said "not yet" and that such speculation was premature.

Sadat met behind closed doors for more than two hours with several hundred members of the ruling party and sources said he reiterated his belief that "peace is coming, sooner or later."

In a speech devoted mostly to economic issues, Sadat said he would seek reconstruction aid of three billion dollars a year for five years from the United States, West Germany and Japan.

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Israeli army evacuates two illegal settlements

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — The Israeli army moved Wednesday to evacuate Jewish nationalist settlers who set up two illegal settlements on Arab land overlooking Jerusalem.

The settlement attempt, carried out by the fanatical Gush Emunim movement, was regarded as a test of the intentions of Prime Minister Menachem Begin at a time when delicate efforts are being made to revive the Middle East peace process.

The settlers clambered up the slopes of Nebi Samuel and Tel Hadasha, two hillsides just north of Jerusalem.

They set up tents, with a corrugated iron kitchen on each site, dragged up some camp beds and proclaimed themselves founders of two new Israeli outposts.

The Israeli area commander, Brig-Gen. Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, unavailingly appealed to the 75 families, most of them new Russian immigrants, to quit the sites voluntarily.

When they refused he sent up two busloads of soldiers to bring the settlers back down.

The settlers offered no resistance by force, but some lay down on the site and had to be carried down the hill.

By mid-afternoon the evacuation was complete and the settlers were taken to a police station on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

Nationalist groups have been strenuously urging the government to resume Jewish settlement in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza now that the promised freeze period of three months has expired.

Begin and his ministers have said repeatedly they would feel free to resume settlement after the freeze ended. But they have so far refrained from officially approving any new settler activity.

The Gush Emunim leadership was believed eager to test the government's attitude.

With efforts being made to restart peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel, the Begin government is torn between a desire to placate nationalist opinion and a concern over the effect settlement has on foreign opinion, especially in the United States.

Each day for the 18 months since the Begin government came to power we have been hearing promises," Gush Emunim official Yosef Arzieli said. "But it is all talk and nothing is being done. We plan to put Begin to the test."

Bitat interim president

Boumedienne is dead

Khaled cables regrets

ALGIERS, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — President Houari Boumedienne died Wednesday and millions of his mourning countrymen poured into the streets to express their grief.

Boumedienne's death, occurred after he lay 40 days in a coma with a rare blood disease.

His government, promising to continue Boumedienne's 13 years of "socialist revolution," moved swiftly to assure an orderly transition of power and named Rabah Bitat, president of the Popular National Assembly, as interim president for a period of up to 45 days. It also declared 40 days of official mourning.

Immediately after the state radio broadcast news of Boumedienne's death, downtown Algiers became jammed with demonstrators paying homage to the nationalist leader who seized power from then President Ahmed Ben Bella in 1965.

Thousands jammed windows and balconies and demonstrators filed shoulder to shoulder through the streets of this capital as the president's body was taken to the Palace of the People, where it will lie in state in the Grand Salon of Officers of the Algerian army.

As upwards of two million weeping Algerians gathered outside, the eight-man Council of the Revolution, the top military and the foreign diplomatic corps paid their last respects, with many laying wreaths around the body.

There was no immediate announcement of the timing of the planned state funeral.

Boumedienne had been stricken by a rare blood affliction known as Waldenstrom's Disease.

The president, who had received treatment in the Soviet Union in October and November, spent the last days of his life hooked to life support machines here at Mustapha hospital, where he died.

He had been treated by doctors from the Soviet Union, the United States, France, Cuba and other nations.

Bitat who convened a session of the national assembly, assured the meeting he was totally committed "to the irreversible course of socialism, national independence, economic progress and justice." The constitution does not allow Bitat to run for president.

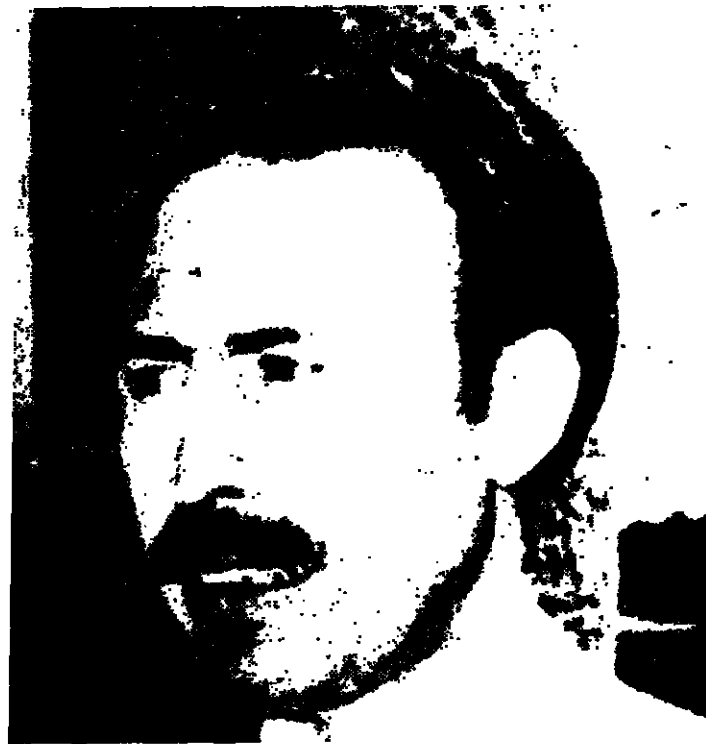
So far the most prominent candidate, observers said, appears to be Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika, Boumedienne's protégé since they fought together as guerrillas during the war for independence in the 1950s.

In a cable of condolences Wednesday, to the interim president, King Khalid described Boumedienne as a "great leader, great fighter and prudent commander."

Earlier in the day Prince Fawaz, governor of Mecca, visited the Algerian embassy in Jeddah to convey the condolences of King Khalid.

The chief of protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Salem Sunbul also visited the embassy to convey the condolences of Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Meanwhile the Arab League declared a week of mourning for President Boumedienne and tributes from Arab leaders included one from Egyptian



President Boumedienne

President Anwar Sadat — who broke off relations with Algeria a year ago.

Sadat told the parliamentary committee of his National Democratic Party: "We cannot forget the role of this man in the Algerian revolution and attempts to Arabize his country, a role that cannot be forgotten by future generations."

He recalled that the late Al-

gerian leader bought Soviet arms for Egypt worth \$100 million during the 1973 war, and sent an Algerian brigade to assist Egypt.

Egypt declared an official one week mourning for the president.

Iraq will send Vice-President Taha Mohieddin to Boumedienne's funeral, the Iraq (Continued on back page)

From King

Saud hands message to Syrian president

DAMASCUS, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal arrived here Wednesday bearing a letter from King Khalid, to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Prince Saud conferred with Assad soon after his arrival, which had not been announced previously.

He also conferred with Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Hakim Khaddam, at a meeting attended by Saudi ambassador to Syria Sheikh Mohsen Al-Zayed.

Prince Saud told airport newsmen he was carrying a letter, but declined to say anything about its contents.

Observers speculated the visit was connected with the latest Middle East developments and continuing efforts by the United States to achieve a Middle East settlement based on the Camp David agreements between



Prince Saud

ween Egypt and Israel. Syria is the leader of the Arab "steadfastness front" of radical states that have rejected the Camp David accords.

Saudi Arabia has expressed reservations on the agreements as inadequate for a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Parliament elects Ismail South Yemen president

ADEN, Dec. 27 (R) — Socialist Party secretary general Abdel Fattah Ismail was elected president of South Yemen Wednesday by the country's first parliament, the Supreme People's Council.

An official announcement said Ismail will be chairman of a 10-member presidential council which will replace a five-man team which has held supreme power in South Yemen under President Ali Nasser Muhammad.

Nasser Muhammad was

Wednesday elected prime minister and a member of the presidential council. His new cabinet was expected to be chosen later in the day.

Ismail and Nasser Muhammad were among those elected to the 111-member parliament last week in South Yemen's first general elections since independence 11 years ago.

A great majority of the new parliament members belong to the Socialist Party. There are some 40 independents.

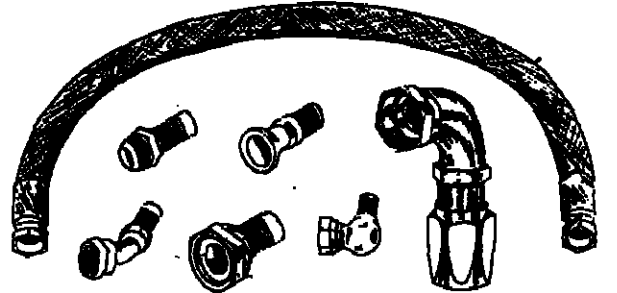
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Cholera receding in East after cleanliness campaign

DAMMAM, Dec. 27 (SPA) — No cases of cholera have been reported in the Eastern Province for the past 15 days and the general health situation is normal, Dr. Seifuddin Al-Shishakli, director general for health affairs in the province said Wednesday.

Improved standards of hygiene and environmental health has reduced the strength of the disease which is no longer determined as an epidemic, Shishakli said.

Shishakli said the major factor in the spread of the disease was the inflow of large numbers of foreign workers.

A special committee was in-

vested with extraordinary powers last year to improve environmental health conditions in the East. The committee has so far contracted 20 projects—mostly emergency sewage and drainage systems—for a total SR61 million, Deputy Health Minister Hamad Al-Sughair, acting chairman of the committee, told SPA.

Seven more contracts will be awarded in the near future for projects ranging from maintenance and protection of water supplies to filling swamps and covering open drains in Ahsa and Qatif and surrounding villages, he said.

Referring to other projects, Shishakli said a 380-bed hos-

pital in Al-Khobar and a 480-bed hospital in Hofuf would be opened within months.

The Hofuf hospital, in a royal palace donated by the King to the Ministry of Health, will have a mental hospital and a clinic for chest diseases, he said.

New clinics will be opened soon in Al-Khobar and Dammam, and a model health institute now being built in Dammam will be ready in two years.

The ministry has also been allotted land at the hot springs of Ain Najm by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and is considering building a hospital for rheumatic diseases there. A French company has reported favorably on the Ain Najm waters, Shishakli said.

The SPA will take patients from all parts of the Kingdom, he added.

Other projects include 100-bed hospitals in Khafji, Abqaiq, Rahimah and Hafir Al-Baten and specialist hospitals for obstetrics, gynaecology and eye diseases in Dammam and Qatif.

Riyadh committee okays Foreign Ministry design

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — The higher executive commission for the transfer of the Foreign Ministry and embassies to Riyadh met Tuesday, under Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, and approved the designs for the ministry building and the program for housing ministry officials.

Project Director Dr. Muhammad Al-Sheikh said that the program comprised 600 residential units of different design, public facilities, parks, primary schools, kindergartens, a police station, a post office and recreation clubs.

He added that architectural design work and engineering studies are progressing and will be completed within nine months.



UMRAH: Prince Abdullah of Morocco performing the Umrah at the Holy Haram in Mecca Tuesday.

After expansion

Jizan to discharge 10,000 tons daily

JEDDAH, Dec. 27—Crown Prince Fahd has ordered the Saudi Ports Authority to go ahead with the second stage of the expansion of Jizan port, Dr. Fayez Badr, president of the authority, has said.

"Okaz" newspaper Wednesday quoted Badr as saying

that the expansion will permit direct import of all the southern region's requirements, which should result in a considerable reduction in the cost of living and create a new commercial base in the Kingdom.

The port chief said the first stage of expansion has been completed and three new berths will go into service at the beginning of next month handling Roll On Roll Off (RoRo) and container cargo. With the completion of the second stage, the port will have 10 fully equipped berths sophisticated installations.

The first stage of expansion work has increased discharge capacity from 1,500 tons annually to 3,000 tons daily. This will increase further to cover 10,000 tons daily when work on the second stage is completed. The second stage will take two years from the date implementation begins, Badr said.

Badr, inspected the completed first stage of expansion Tuesday.

Japan company land 1m-ton cement order

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (AP) — UBE Industries Ltd., a major Japanese cement maker, said Wednesday it will export 1 million metric tons of cement to Saudi Arabia.

Under the dollar-denominated contract signed with Arabian Bulk Trade Ltd., a Saudi cement trading house, the export value in terms of the Japanese currency is 11.2 billion yen including charges of cost and freight. UBE Industries declined to give the dollar figure for the value.

Arabian Bulk Trade is 50 per cent owned by Xenz Industries, the Alireza family concern.

UBE said shipments will start next January and end in December. This is the largest cement order for a Japanese producer ever.

UBE's cement exports this year are estimated to total 1.8

million tons, up from 1.32 million tons in the previous year, they said.

Japan's cement exports as a whole this year are growing, UBE officials expect the nation's cement exports to be about 8.36 million tons, about 30 per cent from 6 million tons last year.

Agriculture talks agenda readied

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Delegates from ten Gulf Arab states Tuesday completed a draft agenda for the conference of agriculture ministers of the region which will be held in Kuwait in March. The agenda, drawn up in three days of meetings here will be approved by ministerial committee.

Meeting creates 4 panels to integrate health policy

TAIF, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Delegates from the eight different authorities that run Saudi Arabia's health and medical facilities decided at a conference here Wednesday to form four committees to improve coordination.

The committees will report to future sessions to the conference, which opened its first meeting here Tuesday.

Attending the conference are doctors and medical specialists from Ministry of Health hospitals, the Red Crescent first-aid society, the Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, the Minis-

try of Municipal and Rural Affairs, the Ministry of Education and the Institute of Public Administration.

In an interview in London recently, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi said lack of communication between the groups and duplication in many areas was a serious problem.

No integration method immediately stood out as best, the minister told the "Middle East Economic Digest," but the Health Ministry as the largest body was the logical focus of any central system.

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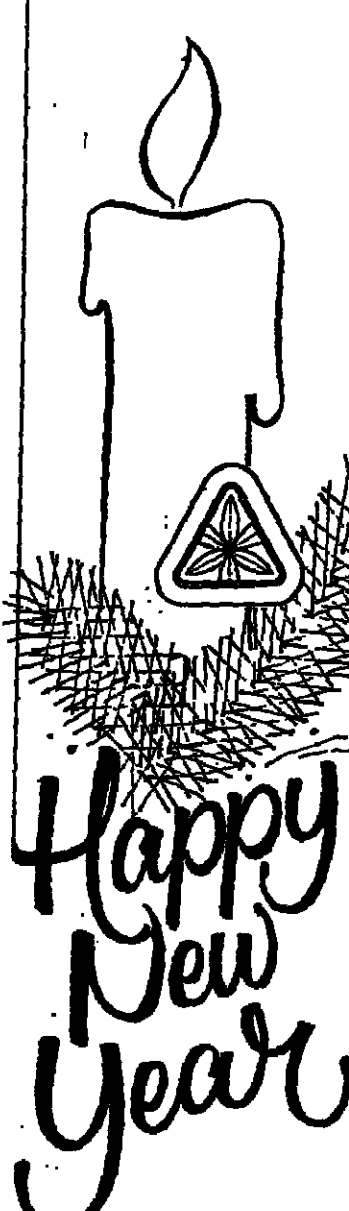
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Municipal aide flies to Dacca for recruitment

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Dr. Saleh Al-Malik, deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs left here Wednesday on his way to Bangladesh on short visit.

Dr. Malik, who is leading an official delegation, will hold talks with Bangladesh officials on supply of Bangladesh technicians and skilled manpower for Saudi government projects.

Administration parleys planned in Arab states

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Representatives of Arab bureaucracies Wednesday wound up five days of meetings here with proposals for 10 seminars in Arab countries to raise standards in administration.

Dr. Muhammad Al-Tawil, director of the Institute of Public Administration and chairman of the Executive Council of the Arab Organization for Administrative Sciences said Wednesday that the council also approved six seminars in West Germany, the United States with the collaboration of civil servants from France, Italy and Canada.

The council also resolved to increase the special programs it organizes in Arab countries without administrative institutes and sanctioned the publication of an Arabic dictionary of administrative terms and various research work.

The organization's general assembly meets in February, Tawil said.

Research unit carried out 400 industry studies

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — The Industrial Research and Development Center has prepared over 400 feasibility studies for new industries or for the expansion of existing ones, to Dr. Ahmad Al-Tuwaijri, deputy minister of industry and electricity said Wednesday at a party in honor of departing United Nations experts who have been assisting the center.

Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity was present.

Dr. Tuwaijri said that Saudis now made up seventy per cent of the center's staff.

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Demirel challenges Ecevit with vote of no-confidence

ANKARA, Dec. 27 (R) — Turkey's main opposition party threatened Wednesday to topple the minority government of Socialist Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit, who declared martial law in key cities after weekend riots in which more than 100 people died.

A spokesman for the conservative Justice Party of former Premier Süleyman Demirel said his party planned to propose a motion in parliament soon censuring the government for alleged weakness, deliberate negligence and incompetence — in effect a vote of no confidence.

Political sources said that Ecevit's government was likely to survive. But his Republican Peoples Party lacks an absolute majority and depends on the support of 16 independent deputies in the 450-seat National Assembly (lower house).

Well-informed sources said new batches of troops were

being drafted into the southeastern city of Maras and neighboring regions, but there were no reports of fresh violence.

Ankara Radio reported Wednesday that the death toll in Maras had reached 104. It said the daytime curfew there had been lifted and the curfew hours were now from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. local time.

Interior Minister İrfan Özalp said that so far this year 800 people had died in Turkey in feuds between right wing and leftist groups, and in sporadic sectarian clashes.

Troops and paramilitary police are on alert in the 13 provinces placed under martial law, including the cities of Ankara and Istanbul. The airports are under heavy guard and troop carriers and armored cars are stationed inconspicuously at strategic points.

The Turkish parliament Tuesday night overwhelmingly

endorsed the government's imposition of martial law. But the opposition Justice, National Salvation and Nationalist Movement parties heavily criticized Ecevit's handling of the situation, saying it showed the government's political impotence.

In a parliamentary debate, the Socialist interior minister defended himself against demands that he should resign because he let the situation get out of hand and made martial law inevitable.

He suggested that right-wingers were instigating violence in this country of 45 million people, a keystone in the military structure of the 14-nation NATO alliance.

Turkey, with a standing army of 500,000 is second only to the United States in terms of fighting men in NATO.

Western sources said they were seriously concerned that Turkey, embroiled in disputes with Greece after its 1974 invasion of Cyprus, might be further weakened as a NATO member because of internal disorders.

A Justice Party spokesman, Ömer Ucuş, said the government had displayed ignorance and incompetence — and Turkey's continuing political violence proved this.

The government, he said, should have declared martial law long ago to curb extremists.

UNRWA workers strike to protest budget cuts

AMMAN, Dec. 27 (AP) — Employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency

(UNRWA) went on a one-day warning strike Wednesday to protest cuts in the agency's expenditure.

A spokesman for the strikers, who wished to remain anonymous, said thousands of employees who stopped work in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip made the strike a complete success.

The spokesman said if the warning is not heeded then the employees plan to embark on a strike of indefinite duration on Feb. 10.

The strikers demand improvements in UNRWA services to Palestinians as well as better conditions of service for themselves, such as cost of living allowances and no dismissals without due cause.

S. Lebanese say Israel interferes in daily activities

BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (R) — Inhabitants of the southern Lebanese border area claim that Israeli Army officers are interfering with the affairs of government schools, official sources said Wednesday.

They said the complaint was made to the governor of South Lebanon, Halim Fayyad, who said it was further proof that Israel had not withdrawn from the border area and that it was seeking to impose a local administration linked to Israel.

The inhabitants said Israeli officers called in directors of government schools along the border and interfered in their work.

Fayyad was quoted as saying the only solution lay in extending the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in the area.

When Israel withdrew in June from southern Lebanese territory it had invaded three months earlier, it handed over control of a border strip to right-wing militiamen.

Israeli deputy chains himself to microphone

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (R) — An Israeli member of parliament caused an uproar in the Knesset Wednesday when he handcuffed himself to rostrum microphones during a debate on Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union.



ISFAHAN: Demonstrators march in support of the Shah after bloody riots in Isfahan recently.

Iranair earthbound Iran cancels military contract

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 27 (AP) — Iran has cancelled a co-production helicopter contract with Textron Inc.'s Bell Helicopter Division because of unrest in Iran, Textron announced Wednesday. Textron's other contracts with Iran will continue.

Iran said "force majeure events" have made it impossible to proceed with performance of the program, said Textron.

The contract had been suspended Dec. 5 because Iran had not made the advance payments.

Bell Helicopters' other programs in Iran, with about 3,200 employees, are not affected.

TEHRAN, Dec. 27 (AP) — Iranair cancelled all 27 flights from Tehran Wednesday after technical workers walked off the job in yet another political strike.

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Train-bus crash kills 9 in Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (AP) — A collision Thursday between a passenger train and a bus south of Cairo killed 9 persons and injured 25, "Al-Ahram" reported Wednesday. All the victims were among the passengers of the bus.

Israeli supermarket hit by bomb

LOD, Israel, Dec. 27 (R) — A bomb exploded near a supermarket in Lydda Thursday, but there were no casualties, police said. Leaflets in Arabic were found on the scene and police suspect commandos were responsible for the blast.

3 injured in Beirut suburb sniping

BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (R) — Three persons were injured by sniper fire in a southern district of Beirut Wednesday, the right-wing Phalangist Radio reported. It said the shooting took place in the Shiyah-Ain Rummaneh area, a traditional combat zone during the two-year civil war.

French minister in UAE for talks

ABU DHABI, Dec. 27 (R) — French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet arrived here Wednesday on two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates, the official Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported. He will discuss Middle East developments and political, economic and cultural fields relations. Friday he arrives in Riyadh.

Jumblatt meets Bulgarian leader

VIENNA, Dec. 27 (R) — Walid Jumblatt, chairman of the Lebanese Socialist Progressive Party has met Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov for talks in Sofia, the BTA news agency reported. The Bulgarian president assured Jumblatt of his country's support for the Arab people in their "struggle against Israeli aggression."

Iraqi defector in Egypt denies coercion charge

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (R) — An Iraqi diplomat, who was granted political asylum in Egypt nine days ago, has said he had done so of his own free will, the official Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

Iraq last week accused Egypt of arresting Saadoun Hassan Zaroun and calling for his immediate release. The Iraqi news agency quoted the Iraqi Foreign Ministry as saying Zaroun's request for asylum had been "extracted by force and persecution."

Zaroun Tuesday met the Tunisian ambassador in Cairo, Habib Nouri, whose country looks after Iraqi interests in Cairo, and Muhammad Abdul Jabbar, head of the Iraqi interests section in the Tunisian embassy.

MENA said Zaroun, an assistant commercial attaché, said he believed in the attempts by President Anwar Sadat to achieve a Middle East peace and had never been under influence or pressure.

Egypt severed relations with Iraq, Syria, Algeria, South Yemen and Libya in December last year in response to their harsh criticism of a visit to Jerusalem by Sadat.

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10,000 jeer last U.S. delegation to visit Taiwan

TAIPEI, Dec. 27 (AP)—At least 10,000 egg and mud-throwing protesters greeted an American delegation at Taipei Airport Wednesday, yelling "Carter is a cheat" and "How can we believe you now."

There were no immediate reports of injuries, but American Embassy and reporters cars were pelted on and kicked as they edged through the crowd outside the airport.

Another crowd of 1,000 to 2,000 demonstrators gathered in front of Taipei's Grand Hotel, where the American delegation was to stay before starting talks on Thursday.

The delegation, led by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, was met by Vice-Foreign Minister Fredrick Chien.

Chien delivered a short, tough speech to the delegation and a crowd of reporters, warning that the American severance of relations with Taiwan and recognition of Peking has "seriously impair-

ed the peace and security of the Asian-Pacific region," and caused "disastrous damage."

"The United States must clarify the specific and concrete measures it will take to ensure the stability and peace of this region."

Christopher replied with an even shorter speech, saying his purpose in the two days of talks with government officials will be "to seek to develop a general framework for our future relationship."

"We will be discussing arrangements which can enable our two peoples to maintain our cultural, commercial, and other relationships on an unofficial basis," he said.

As the delegation and Chinese officials left the military airport on the edge of Taipei, the demonstrators began lunging at the cars, beating on the sides and throwing eggs and mud. Most carried small flags of the Republic of China, and some with larger flags used the poles to hit the cars.



PROTEST: Demonstrators such as these greeted the American delegation to Taiwan, Wednesday. Headed by a deputy secretary of state, the Americans have come to negotiate trade and military relations with the island.

Park sworn in again

Korean opposition head defiant

SEOUL, Dec. 27 (AP)—Opposition leader Kim Dae-jung was freed from custody under President Park Chung-hee's general amnesty Wednesday and immediately vowed to continue his fight against Park's "dictatorial" rule.

He said that "At this moment of my coming home from prison, I, as before, firmly believe that the longer the present dictatorial system continues, the more serious the ruin we may be forced to meet in the near future."

President Park embarked on

a new six-year term Wednesday strongly defending his authoritarian rule. He showed little inclination to modify it during his new term.

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ment of my coming home from prison, I, as before, firmly believe that the longer the present dictatorial system continues, the more serious the situation we may be forced to meet in the near future."

S. Africa releases 6 SWAPO leaders

WINDHOEK, S.W. Africa, Dec. 27 (AP)—All six SWAPO leaders detained at the start of South-West Africa's internal elections this month have been released, police said Wednesday.

The executives of the internal wing of the guerrilla-backed South-West Africa People's Organization were detained without charges under security laws on Dec. 3 after a series of bomb blasts in Windhoek.

SWAPO has rejected the elections for a constituent assembly threatened to disrupt the five-day election, insisting on a United Nations-supervised poll.

50 killed in raid, says Zambia

LUSAKA, Dec. 27 (AP)—About 50 persons were killed in last week's raid by Rhodesian troops 130 kilometers into Zambia, Lusaka's General Hospital indicated Wednesday. Fifty bodies arrived at the hospital after the raid on Friday. Another 60 persons were being treated for wounds, it said.

Leftists kidnap Argentine aide

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27 (R)—Elena Momburg, an Argentine Foreign Ministry official was kidnapped Dec. 26 by armed left-wing extremists, her father says. Thousands of people have been reported missing in Argentina in recent years after being seized by men claiming to be members of the security forces.

El Salvador kidnap deadline set

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 27 (AP)—Latin terrorists threatened to kill two British kidnap victims unless demands for ransom and release of political prisoners are met by Sunday, according to a communiqué delivered to radio stations. It blamed "the irresponsible attitude of officials of the Bank of London and the British government" for ending negotiations to release the victims.

Nicaraguan peace hopes dwindle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Prospects for a negotiated settlement in Nicaragua darkened Tuesday as the State Department criticized President Anastasio Somoza for not accepting "a fair and workable plebiscite" backed by mediators. U.S. mediator William Bowdler was returning to Managua for further talks with Somoza, but a department statement said his mission "has hit a serious snag."

200 Vietnam refugees drown in melee of freighter rescue

MANILA, Dec. 27 (Agencies)—About 200 Vietnamese were reported to have drowned at sea when they tried to scramble aboard a freighter which reached here Wednesday with 2,300 refugees aboard.

Werner Blatter, representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the drownings occurred a few days ago when the Panama-registered freighter Tung An stopped to pick up refugees in the South China Sea.

Blatter said the Tung An's captain, Sheu Dah Shing, told him the freighter was on a voyage from Bangkok to Hong Kong when it spotted a refugee boat in international waters near Vietnam.

"When it stopped to pick them up, more and more boats kept appearing," Blatter said.

"The captain estimated some 200 had drowned in the mad scramble to get aboard the freighter."

The Tung An, already turned away by Brunei, has

been refused permission to land its refugees in the Philippines. A Foreign Ministry statement said it would allow ashore those who required medical treatment.

In Bangkok a group of 160 "boat people" were pushed back into the high seas Tuesday after authorities in southern Thailand gave them food and gasoline to continue their voyage, the provincial police said Wednesday.

They said the Vietnamese destroyed the boat's engine when they reached the coast.

Chilean agents refused bail in Letelier slaying

SANTIAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—A Chilean supreme court justice has refused to free two former secret police officers indicted by a Washington grand jury in the slaying of Chilean Socialist Orlando Letelier.

Court President Israel Borquez said Tuesday the continued detention of Gen. Juan Manuel Contreras and Col. Pedro Espinoza was necessary during extradition proceedings

of Narathiwat Province, 800 kilometers south of Bangkok.

Another 2,700 refugees are stranded aboard the Huey Fong, anchored off Hong Kong.

Life aboard the Huey Fong was described as "a living hell" Wednesday and one passenger said: "We might just all jump into the sea for a massive suicide."

Hong Kong officials refuse to allow the estimated 2,700 Vietnamese aboard the small freighter to come ashore—except for a handful needing hospital treatment.

"for the investigation and processing of the legal material of the case and the security of society."

Sergio Miranda Carrington, a lawyer for Contreras and Espinoza, petitioned last week for them to be freed from detention at a military hospital for the rest of their hearings. The attorney said he would appeal the Borquez decision to a regular session of five justices of the high court.

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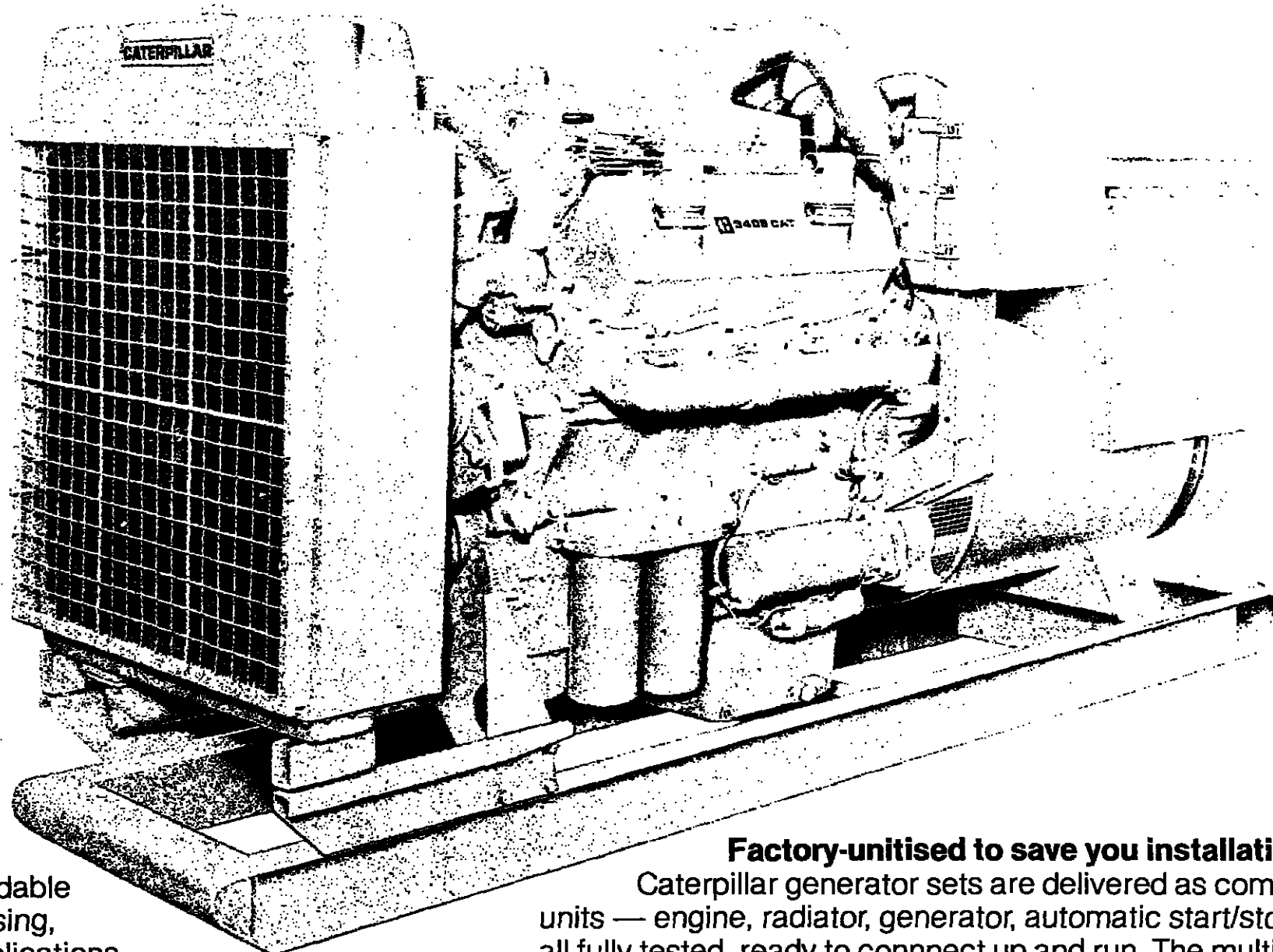
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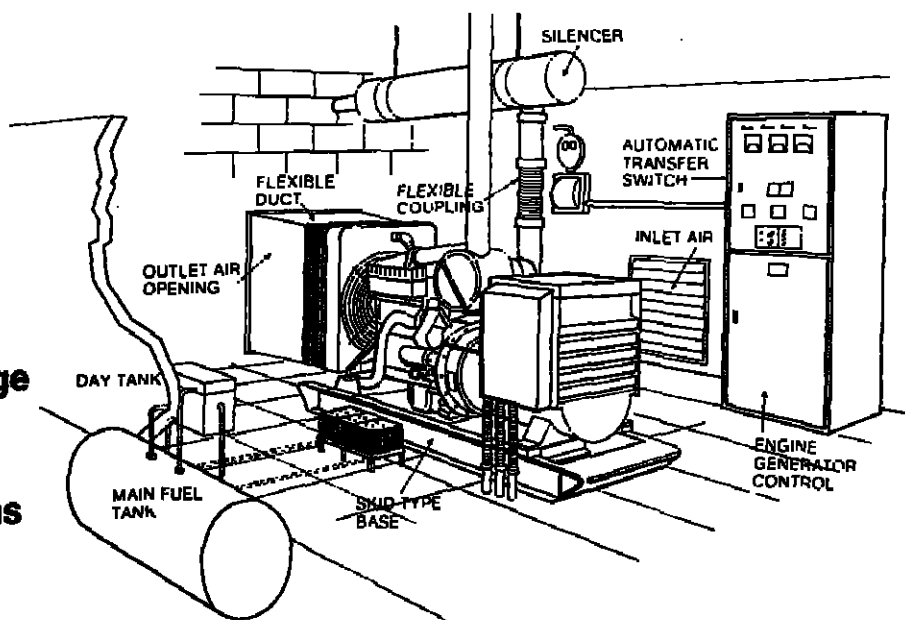
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WHAT'S THE POINT?

The question of when and where the interrupted Middle East peace talks will be resumed should be settled in a few days. Very few people are ready to predict that the talks will not be resumed. The signing of a peace treaty remains far more likely than a final collapse of the talks.

The talks will be resumed after the holidays, which seems the most logical possibility as to the time. The venue is another matter although it is easier to continue the talks at Blair House in Washington than elsewhere.

There has been some talk of a summit conference between President Jimmy Carter, President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin to break the deadlock but such a possibility appears distinctly remote at the time being. President Carter has his hands full with many problems of which the Middle East is not the most urgent. He has the continuing energy program battle (he prefers a win there to victory in the Middle East), SALT talks with the Soviet Union and the aftermath of recognition of Communist China with the conservative challenging him to the point of taking him to court. And President Carter has already stated that he has given the Middle East far more of his time than he can afford.

On the other hand, another shuttle mission by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance should be good enough to get the Egyptians and Israelis talking again. The negotiations in Washington would resume shortly after such a mission in mid-January. Or the talks could resume without even Mr. Vance having to visit the area. The two sides would then take up from where they left off without preconditions.

Originally, the Israelis rejected to be drawn into more negotiations over the American-sponsored peace treaty. But after their alleged dispute with the Americans they have appeared more inclined to talk.

Talking, of course, does not necessarily lead to agreement. In the case of the Israelis a fair agreement seems more difficult than ever. The Israeli government has been quick to "correct" statements attributed to Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in Brussels. He said that Israel planned to build a further four to five settlements in the West Bank over the next five years, or about 20 to 25 settlements during the five-year period in which they are supposed to turn over administration of the occupied territories to the Palestinians. This figure is on top of existing settlements. As the Israeli government was "correcting" Dayan, a senior official revealed plans to expand existing settlements and to improve the road network and services in the existing settlements.

So what is the point of talking? The negotiations may have become an end in themselves instead of serving as a means to the end—peace. Israel does not want to shoulder the blame for the failure of the negotiations and neither does President Sadat. He may walk into another round of talks just to deny the Israelis the opportunity to avoid responsibility for failure. In the end, the deciding factor will be the position of the U.S. President Carter may be preoccupied with other problems at the moment but there should be no doubt that he will return to the Middle East at the earliest opportunity. So far, the U.S. has adopted a position nearer to Egypt than to Israel but one that falls short of general Arab aspirations. It is hoped that the U.S. will not force Egypt, for lack of options, to accept an even worse peace than is being negotiated already. The other Arabs won't buy it.

Leadership dilemma

By James Young
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—
Presidential government in the U.S. is now almost half a century old, and it is in trouble.

Once seen as a solution to problems, the centralization of power in the White House has come to be seen as a source of problems in the society.

All the predictions that public disillusionment with the use of that power would end with Lyndon Johnson's abdication, then with Richard Nixon's overthrow, then with Gerald Ford's defeat, have proved wrong. Applause for the White House, such as President Carter received after the Camp David summit meeting with Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, has now become the exception. Complaints are now the rule. The "ritual" destruction of the president, as one commentator has called it, has become a national pastime.

The decline of political parties, the rise of single-issue pressure groups and the resort to television campaigning encourage presidential aspirations that they will not be able to satisfy. Citizens — those who can afford to — turn increasingly to lawsuits rather than to an interventionist presidency to get satisfaction from a government. Litigation has replaced the politician's art of carrot-and-stick as the prefer-

red mode of shaping public policy. Courts have begun to displace the presidency as an agency for fulfilling hopes, getting one's due, and bringing bureaucracy to heel.

Meanwhile, Congress stalls up to recapture the power it once delegated to the White House. In foreign policy, in social and economic policy, in managing and budgeting the bureaucracy.

It is still the fashion, years after Watergate, to attribute this reaction against presidential power to its abuse or misuse by particular presidents, to their malfeasance or maladroitness. Maybe this explains it. Maybe this explains it. Maybe this explains it. The right man comes into the White House. But the possibility that Americans have grown tired of presidential government itself becomes more apparent every day.

The possibility that license for political leadership is being steadily diminished, and the prospect that it may be revoked, looms ever larger. This has happened more than once before in history — after Jefferson, after Lincoln, after Wilson, with long interludes of leadership when no office or institution was conceded eminent domain over the others who share in governing the country. (NYT)



Thinking about Jews

EDITOR'S NOTE: The author, Arthur Hertzberg, is rabbi of an Englewood, New Jersey, congregation, and was president of the American Jewish Congress from 1972 to 1978. This article is adapted from his forthcoming book, "On Being Jewish in America."

By Arthur Hertzberg
NEW YORK —

The one thing that I have never doubted or found it necessary to "prove" or "explain" is the fact of Jewish existence through the ages. A creative remnant has survived always.

I did not believe that Zionism in any of its forms could solve all of the problems of Jews with the gentiles or even among ourselves. Since I could count, it was obvious that there were fewer of "us" than there were of "them," far fewer, and that Jews could not ever persuade all of "them" to our view of ourselves. Since I could hear and read, it was obvious that we Jews were in large disagreement among ourselves.

I thus concluded that within the Jewish people itself, and as between Jews and gentiles, untidy arrangements were more likely than ideological victories. The unity of the Jewish people and its relationship to non-Jews could both be maintained only in some realm at once more mysterious and more practical than easily defined, clear-cut categories.

The theologizing about Israel has been mostly in the key of certainty that the state is the preamble to the redemption promised in the religious tradition. I have never been so certain that I know what God is about, and I become less certain when I hear such theologues used to validate hard-line politics. I am not persuaded that the sec-

ular life of Israel is in some mysterious way pointing, in the near future, to God's Kingdom on earth. My Zionism regards Israel's creation as an historic necessity of this century.

In the 1950s America afforded the best situation for Jews in the more than two millennia of their existence. It was clear that an expanding society would need all the talent that it could find, but I had few illusions that the clock of social change would stop once Jews were admitted to the most honorific roles in society.

There were others, especially blacks, waiting to bid for place. To conceive of what was happening in the 1940s and 1950s in ideological terms as some dawning of a new more spacious doctrine for all America, as the realization here of the heaven on earth of which the Enlightenment had dreamed, seemed to me to be partly true, but largely self-deluding.

I did not doubt that Jews would discover that their interests and those of others, both above and below them in the socioeconomic pecking order, did not always converge. In part I thought this was because of my awareness of the politics of Jewish life in Poland in the 1930s, where Jews had been an embattled community that had to think of group interests and group alliances. Jews have survived in history best by accommodation and not

by confrontation. To push for revolution in the 1930s or for "merit" in the 1970s is to sharpen the social conflict. Jews require alliances that are rekindled again and again and a continuing restudy of the Jewish self-interest.

In relationship to the Arabs, I have often argued, beginning long before the Arab-Israeli war of 1973, that time was not on our side, that it could not be bought endlessly and that accommodations were possible at political prices that reasonable men ought to be willing to pay. Arabs, having pride and feeling and injured dignity like all other men and women, will not simply go away and forget about the woes they believe that Jews have caused them.

Russians, Arabs, blacks, liberals, as well as several successive American administrations — these have all been the targets of the confrontational temper that has pervaded too much of the Jewish community in the last decade. I have kept arguing that a people so small in number does not need so many opponents.

Jews in the 20th century have lived through more than enough tragedy and high drama. No people can continue to live indefinitely at such a pitch. A new era must soon begin, when Jews wrestle less with others than with themselves, in search of a redefinition of what tradition means in contemporary terms. — (NYT)

Boumedienne: A true leader

ALGIERS — President Houari Boumedienne who died Wednesday ruled Algeria unchallenged for more than 13 years.

A tall fiery-eyed Muslim, he kept tight rein on the state structure he built up after overthrowing Algeria's first president, Ahmad Ben Bella, in 1965.

Since his early days as president of the all-powerful Council of the Revolution, when he appeared on television with his face blanked out, Boumedienne has insisted that the leadership of Algeria is collective.

He gradually emerged over the years as the leading public figure in Algeria and his personal stamp of thoroughness and asceticism became evident in every department of his administration. He was also minister of national defense.

After seizing power in a bloodless coup he launched Algeria on a vast industrialization program and gave attention to the countryside and its peasants.

He was the first Arab head of state to nationalize his country's oil resources in 1971 in a showdown with France.

Algeria gained independence from France in 1962 after more than a century of colonial rule, and following an eight-year

struggle for independence, both political and economic, in which President Boumedienne played a leading role, still dominates Algerian thinking and is a prime influence behind its militant foreign policy, as demonstrated within the group of nonaligned nations.

President Boumedienne chaired the nonaligned summit in Algiers in 1974, having by that time already become one of the leading spokesmen of the Third World. Yet despite his role in Algeria and in world forums, including the United Nations, his personal life remained a mystery.

Boumedienne was born near Guelma, a small town in Algeria's eastern mountains near the Tunisian border, the eldest of four sons of a farm laborer, his birth date has officially been given as Aug. 23, 1932,

though some biographers have said he was born between 1924 and 1926.

His name at birth was Muhammad Boukharoub, but like many leaders of the revolt against French rule he changed his name at the start of hostilities in 1954. This was partly intended to avoid capture by the French who had placed a price on the heads of the revolutionary leaders.

His interest in nationalist politics began early in life. After attending a Koranic institute in Constantine, where he is known to have been involved in nationalist movements, he left Algeria in 1951 and enrolled at the Al Azhar University in Cairo. He also studied at an Egyptian military school and met Ahmad Ben Bella for the first time in Egypt.

He traveled in several Middle Eastern countries and perfected his Arabic, returning to Algeria in late 1954. The rebellion against the French began in November of that year.

Within three years Boumedienne had become commander of Wilaya (military region) Five in western Algeria and in May 1958 was made commander for all operations in western Algeria and the bases across the border in recently-independent Morocco.

It was in this period that he forged links with men who were to play a key role in the 1965 coup against Ben Bella. They became known as the "Boumedienne group" or the name of the Moroccan border town from which they commanded military operations within Algeria.

Because of major differences over policy and problems during the difficult early years of independence, only two of the original five members of this group survived in power — President Boumedienne and Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika.

In January 1960, Col. Boumedienne was appointed the first chief of staff of the National Liberation Army (ALN) when it was formed from the lightly armed guerrilla groups which had fought the war

against the French until then. He commanded and built up the army — based largely in Morocco and Tunisia — in the two years until independence in July 1962.

At that time, there were still major differences within the national council of the Algerian revolution, the nationalists' supreme body. The commanders of the main armed forces in Tunisia and Morocco opposed policies of the group led by Prime Minister Ben Youssef Ben Khedda.

Ben Khedda dismissed Boumedienne in an attempt to get control of the army. Ben Bella — released after seven years in prison in France — flew to Morocco and with Boumedienne crossed into Algeria, setting up headquarters in the western town of Tlemcen.

In September 1962, Boumedienne marched on Algiers. With his backing, Ben Bella became prime minister after elections at the end of the month. Boumedienne was made defense minister in the first Ben Bella cabinet and became first deputy premier in May 1963.

He was violently attacked by some leading politicians during the Congress of the only political party, the National Liberation Front (FLN) in April 1964.

Early in 1965, Ben Bella moved to oust his Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika. Boumedienne and the army decided the time had come to act against the politicians whom he later called arbitrary, clamorous and incompetent.

On June 19, 1965, Ahmad Ben Bella was seized at his villa in Algiers and the Council of the Revolution proclaimed that it had taken over power.

Since then Ben Bella has lived (and married) under house arrest somewhere outside Algiers.

Following his takeover Boumedienne directed an agricultural revolution to give land to peasant cooperatives, set about creating an industrial base that would be capable of taking over from oil as a future revenue-earner, and gained a leading role for Algeria in the renationalized group of nations (R).

Are breeder reactors dead?

By J. P. Smith
The nuclear fast breeder reactor, once America's highest energy research priority, is in deep trouble, and some administration officials are saying privately that it may, in fact, be dead.

At best, these and other officials say, the breeder will not be needed until the end of the century, and possibly not until as late as 2025. By that time, many in the field believe, some other, more attractive technology, such as solar power or nuclear fusion, will have made the breeder unnecessary.

On the record, the U.S. Energy Department says it is now spending \$4 million a month on the Clinch River, Tenn., breeder reactor. President Carter set out to kill, and this year will spend more than half a billion dollars on overall breeder research and development.

But at the Energy Department, questions about the long-term future of the breeder program are met with measured answers. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger

says the administration does have a breeder policy, and that policy is to continue studying options.

At the State Department, Joe Nye, one of the architects of the administration's non-proliferation policy, offers another view. "We are agnostic on the breeder reactor," Nye opposed the Clinch River breeder because it would have generated plutonium, which in turn can be used to make atomic weapons.

Back at the Energy Department, Deputy Secretary John O'Leary says, "you have a lot of time before you have to make a hard decision on the breeder." Asked when a decision would have to be made at the earliest about commercialization, O'Leary says, "it is something like 1990."

But the Energy Department's operative approach, laid out in closely held briefing papers, is the "hedge option." That strategy comes down to avoiding a toe-to-toe confrontation with the nuclear industry, the research community, and Congress over funding, while putting off the critical decision to

license a demonstration reactor until the next decade.

This is not lost on the nuclear industry. "Without licensing, there can be no breeder," says Bill Shaw, former head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Carl Walske, head of the Atomic Industrial Forum, offers another view. "It is like being told you can't have grandchildren."

Some anti-breeder lobbyists, such as Jim Cubie of the Union of Concerned Scientists, agree with Shaw and Walske's assessment. "The administration strategy has been to put off a forced decision on the breeder. Instead, they have gone with the Congress on funding."

In the industry's view, breeders are synonymous with the future of nuclear power, because they literally "breed" their own fuel, stretching known supplies of uranium. "Without the breeder, we have decades. With it, we have centuries," Walske said. — (WF)

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"Al-Medina" said the Middle East peace process "has come to a complete halt or it may be moving in only one direction, plotted by Israel."

The paper said that the principal weakness of the recent peace moves "lies in the fact that they ignored the most important ingredient for a truly peaceful settlement, and this means the Palestinian people."

"The last 13 months of talks have referred to only Israeli withdrawal from Sinai. There was no mention of the Golan Heights, nor any reference to Arab sovereignty over Jerusalem, nor the creation of a Palestinian homeland and the role of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

The paper referred to the current peace initiative being promoted by King Hussein of Jordan. It said the "essence of

the Hussein plan is that the tripartite talks should be replaced by a full dress conference in which all the parties to the conflict participate. Such a new initiative that aims at a comprehensive settlement is bound to embarrass Israel and intensify its diplomatic isolation."

"Al-Medina" once again discussed the plight of apartment dwellers in Al-Sabeel area of Jeddah which is due for demolition soon to make way for roads and bridges.

The paper, while welcoming such plans to improve the flow of traffic, said "proper care should be taken not to render these people homeless." It urged Jeddah mayor to ensure that the tenants be given sufficient time and compensation to find alternative accommodation before any demolition takes place.

It cited the example of other tenants who were forced to abandon their homes before either compensation or alternative accommodation was available.

"Al-Bilad" said the coming year will be critical for the Middle East "in view of certain indications that will unmistakably lead to war."

"The region is due to boil over with Israel using Lebanon as the melting pot which it also puts an end to any peaceful endeavors and begins a countdown to military confrontation."

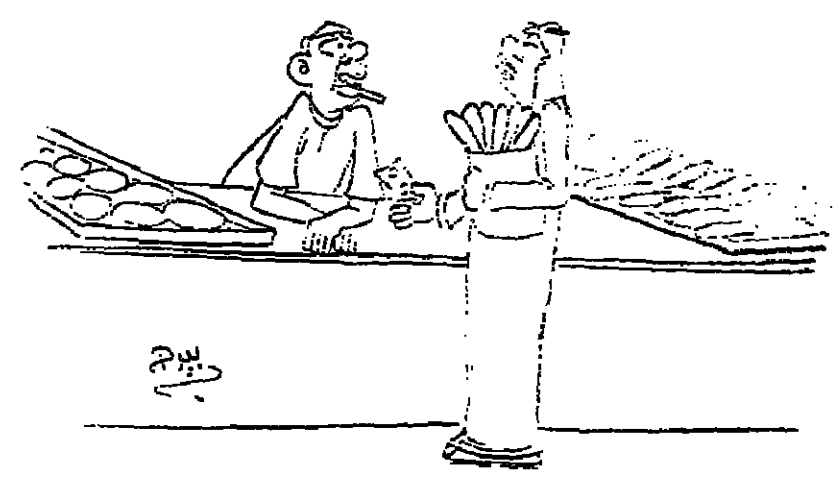
"Qazaz" commented on Crown Prince Fahd's decision to go ahead with a plan to expand the Jazan port by carrying out its second phase.

The paper said that the second phase will enable the port to unload 10,000 tons of goods a day.

two year's time," the paper added, "the whole southern region and many other parts of the Kingdom will benefit from the expanded facilities. So will other neighboring Arab coun-

tries."

"Al-Nadwa" said the various international conferences that are being held in Riyadh, Dammam and Taif are of special importance to this country.



Baker: If the Ministry of Commerce says it is six loaves a rival, why don't you do your shopping there?

Mezze: Lebanese 'Hors d'Oeuvre'

By Clare Kent
Most people who have been out to eat in a restaurant in the Middle East will have been offered 'Mezze' to start their meal. 'Hors d'Oeuvre' is the French equivalent but 'Mezze' is a Lebanese specialty owing nothing to the French.

Many people are afraid to try making Mezze at home because it is elaborate and therefore difficult. This is far from the truth. Some dishes, such as stuffed vine leaves, may take some time and patience to prepare, but the process is rather like wrapping up lots of small gifts — what could be nicer for your guests. Other dishes, such as kibbeh, have been made quicker by the use of modern electric machines in the kitchen.

But Mezze is not only a starter for a meal. It is a social nibble to be served at any time of day when friends drop in for a chat. The tradition of hospitality is widespread in the Middle East and every unexpected guest is offered food and drink.

A simple Mezze can be dishes of nuts of all kinds; pieces of cheese; slices of tomato or cucumber; and olives. It may take the form of a salad, or pickles.

Some Mezzes are minatures of main dishes — small cubes of fried chicken liver; small minced meat balls; and tiny savory pastries. Kibbeh, and its various forms, is a good example of this.

When serving Mezze arrange it attractively on separate dishes, each complementing the other in color, shape and texture. All the dishes should be placed in the center of the table for guests to help themselves.

Hummus
4 — 6 oz. chick peas, soaked overnight
Juice 2-3 lemons

2-3 cloves garlic

Salt

1 pt. tahina paste

Boil the chick peas in fresh

water for about one hour until soft. Drain and put aside a few whole ones for garnish.

Puree the peas by pounding in a mortar or using an electric blender. Blend in the lemon juice, chopped garlic, salt and tahina paste. Add a little water if needed to make a smooth, creamy paste. Pour into a serving dish and decorate in the traditional manner. Drizzle a teaspoonful of paprika mixed with a tablespoon of olive oil all over the surface.

Then sprinkle chopped parsley over and arrange the whole chick peas in a decorative pattern on it. Serve with Arab bread.

Tabbouleh
1 lb. fine burghul (cracked wheat)

3 tbsp. finely chopped onion

Salt and black pepper

1 1/2 cups finely chopped parsley

3 tbs. finely chopped mint

4 tbsp. olive oil

4 tbsp. lemon juice

lettuce leaves

Soak the burghul for half an hour — it will expand.

Drain and squeeze out the excess water. Spread out to dry on a cloth.

Mix the burghul with the onion. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the parsley, mint, olive oil and lemon juice and mix well.

Add a little chopped tomato to add color and flavor to the salad. Serve on a bed of lettuce leaves and place extra lettuce for scooping up the salad.

Cold Stuffed Vine Leaves

1 lb. preserved, drained vine leaves

2-3 tomatoes, skinned and chopped

1 lb. long grain rice

2-3 tomatoes, skinned and chopped

1 lb. onion, finely chopped

2 tbsp. finely chopped parsley

2 tbsp. fried crushed mint

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. ground allspice

Salt and black pepper

2 tomatoes, sliced

3-4 cloves garlic (optional)

1/2 pt. olive oil

1/2 tsp. powdered saffron (optional)

1 tsp. sugar

Juice of one lemon or more

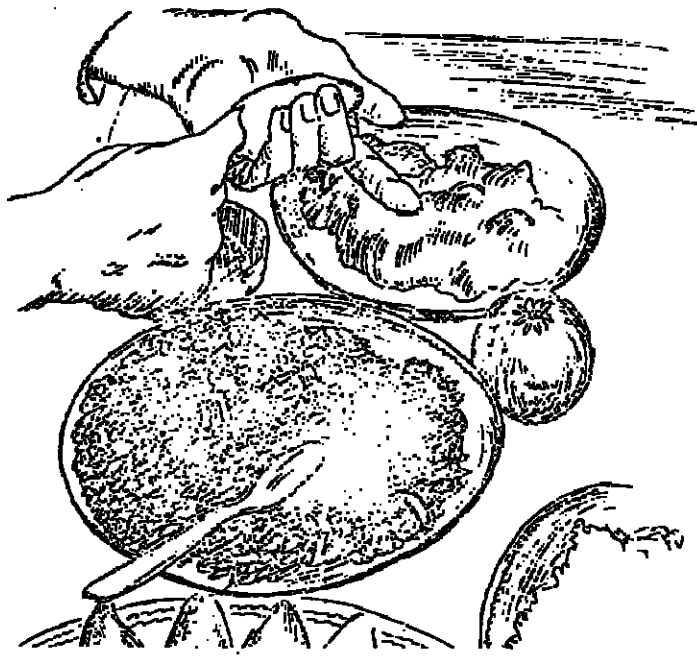
If using vine leaves preserved in brine, soak them in boiling water for 20 minutes then

drain and soak in cold water. Drain, then repeat the process once more to remove the excess salt.

Soak and stir the rice in water, and then rinse under cold water. Drain thoroughly.

In a bowl, mix the rice with the chopped tomatoes, onion, parsley, mint, cinnamon, allspice and salt and pepper to taste.

Place one leaf on a plate vein side up. Place one heaped teaspoon of the filling in the center of the leaf near the stem edge. Fold the stem end up over the filling, then fold both sides towards the middle and roll up like a small cigar. Squeeze lightly in the palm of your hand. Repeat until all the filling is used up.



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KIOSK

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom. Jeddah...

Thursday, Dec. 28

Tickets on sale for the pantomime, "Sing a song of sixpence" at the British Embassy, every day except Friday. Adults S.R. 15. Children S.R. 10. Performances on January 17-18 at Players Playhouse.

Monday, Jan. 1

British/Dutch Clinic closed.
British Community Wives Coffee morning postponed until Jan. 8.

Riyadh

Saturday, Dec. 30 — Tuesday, Jan. 2

Registration for French and Arabic lessons at the Saudi Women's Club building. Open 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For further information call 63229.

Monday, Jan. 1

Camel and horse races at the Malaz Stadium. 3:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Admission SR 5.

Monday, Jan. 1—Thursday, Jan. 4

Registration for Little League T-Ball of the Riyadh Youth Athletic Association at the Riyadh International Community School. All schoolage children.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Men's Slow-Pitch Softball League registration. Call 35555 ext. 549.

DAHRAN

Thursday, Dec. 28 — Friday, Dec. 29

The outdoor displays of the Housing Conference Exhibition at the University of Petroleum and Minerals remains open. Admission free.

Thursday, Dec. 28 — (Thursday, Jan. 4

Exhibition of the work of architect Frie Otto and his team will take place at the King Faisal University in Dammam. From 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Friday. Admission free.

Thursday, Dec. 28 — Wednesday, Jan. 3

Registration continues for the Al-Khobar Tennis Tournament. Open to players of all nationalities. For entry forms call Neil Perkins. Tel: 70246, or Fred Benson. Tel: 70109.

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Central Asia preserves Islamic heritage

By Kenneth Klose
TASHKENT, USSR—After more than five decades of Soviet power, the sights, sounds and lifestyles of 13 centuries of Islam survive today across Soviet Central Asia in a reservoir of Muslim-orientated custom and belief whose existence poses major questions for the kind of society being created in the USSR.

The presence of Islam is interwoven in the brash new industrialized society being constructed along Soviet lines in the four core Central Asian republics of Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan, Kirgizia and Turkmenia. Despite rigid, centralized party control from Moscow, that capital of Slavic power and perception seems remote and foreign when viewed from this region, with its deep ethnic ties to the people of Persia and the Middle East.

The Central Asian region stretching south of Kazakhstan

in a vast crescent of mountain, verdant valley and bleak desert, from the Tien Shan peaks along the sensitive Sino-Kazakh border in the east, south to the Pamirs and Karakum Desert bordering Afghanistan and Iran, and west to the borders of the landlocked Caspian Sea, is home to some 23 million, about two-thirds of them of Asian stock. Here are Uzbeks, Turkmenis, Kirghizis, Tatars, Bashkirs, Kazakhs and Azerbaijanis, and Tadzhiks and Slavs plus dozens of smaller ethnic groups.

Everywhere in this colorful polyglot region are the threads of ancient Middle Asian — and Muslim — heritage. Russian is the native language of less than a third of the indigenous population and may be decreasing. Although Slavs who have come from west of the Urals to guide and share in growth of the booming region, clearly control and domi-

nate the Soviet-orientated levers of economy and society, the pace of life and many of its goals are stamped by the outlook of the Asians. As perhaps nowhere else in the Soviet Union, Muslim-orientated culture and folkways of Central Asia seem to have blunted the sharp, atheist thrust of official Soviet industrial culture.

The spires and domes of blue-tiled mosques, mausoleums, and minarets mark the skylines of such fabled cities as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, drawing thousands of foreign tourists, as well as crowds of rural Uzbeks and other Asian peoples to look upon splendours of the once-mighty Islamic nations of the region and ponder their meaning for today.

The Central Asians share a history different from the Slavs, one tied to the Persian and Arab past. Traversed hundreds of years ago by adven-

turous European traders along the fabled spice route between Europe and China, its greatest leader was Tamerlane the Great, whose empire brought Central Asia in the 14th century to a peak of intellectual and commercial sophistication unmatched since.

As surely as authoritarian rule binds the Soviet Asians into the Soviet Union, custom, history, language, religion and blood — those powerful shapers of human events — bind Soviet Asians into the Muslim world.

In random interviews during a recent two-week trip in Uzbekistan and Turkmenia, it was impossible to find a Soviet Asian who did not first describe himself as a "Muslim" upon being asked, and then specify nationality. Many of these people said they had Korans at home and tried to read

from them and learn the lessons of God.

Western experts have estimated the number of Muslims at anywhere from 30 to 50 million, based in part on the assumption that to be an Uzbek, Tadzhik, Tatar or Kazakh implies belief in Islam.

The Soviets do not keep count, on grounds that "religion is free" in the USSR.

In the post-war years, Muslim religious practice has advanced in central Asia despite Russian controls. There are now more than 140 functioning grand mosques and more than 1,000 smaller mosques in the four republics. New mosques are being opened almost every year. Millions of rubles are being spent by the local population to rebuild and refurbish the fabulous Muslim architectural monuments of the past. —WP

You can't do that here

By Katharine Whitehorn
LONDON—The light was barely beginning to streak the sky when we arrived at the market, but already the regulars were moving around: a man with a woolly cap was unpacking a vast case of crockery, tea was steaming from a stall. They all knew each other, but were friendly and welcoming to our small boys, who set up a table with the accumulated Action Man soldier doll gear of years, and prepared to sell it for pocket money.

All markets (except the Common Market) are fun; but this one, in London's Hampstead, is unusual because anyone can join in: children, amateurs, housewives with too many objects they no longer think of as d'art. The site had been intended for a grandiose civic center; the plans were changed and changed again: nothing seemed to happen—till one day this market sprang up like mushrooms in a wet field.

And the council is simply furious. The market blocks people going to the municipal library, they say—it's good, apparently, to borrow books from an authority, but had to buy scruffy paperbacks of your own. It stops people making their way to the swimming baths—the baths, from which an organizer has just resigned in disgust, because they're shut half the time and everyone's so half-hearted about them.

Once the police went down, all very polite; "We don't want to make a fuss," said the fuzzi, "but DON'T be here next week. OK?" Only by next week someone had looked up the rules, and discovered that as it was council land, not a public highway, the police would have to get the stallholders for trespassing—which meant taking names and addresses, all too apt to be given as Mr. Mickey Mouse, resident at Buckingham.

It's the Labor Party that is in the majority on the local

council, and most are officially against the market: not all.

What the councillors simply can't stick is the fact that it just happened: that nobody organized it, that it wasn't planned, financed and decided upon.

Why do we think it's extraordinary that just anyone can set up and sell? Why are we so cross when children sing carols from door to door for themselves, yet beam benignly when their singing is organized by the school? Why do we all assume, in Britain, that you have to get permission from somebody for absolutely everything we do?

The authorities take control away from us, because they can do it better than we can. Then they can't do it all, because they run out of money. But we mustn't do things for ourselves—that would never do. (OFNS)

Superman: Stronger... swifter... brainer...

Stronger than a thousand men. Swifter than the speed of light. Brainer than a silicon chip computer... that's Superman, the selluoid crusader that had its premiere recently. The movie makers are already predicting that "the man of steel" will prove a bigger money spinner than "Star Wars" or "Grease".



The face is unmistakable... Superman. That famous dark hair with the king curl at the front and X-ray eyes that can penetrate solid objects. (CP)



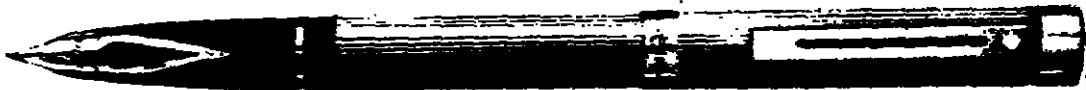
With unflinching gaze the mighty Superman surveys the city of New York from a rooftop... ready to speed into action if evil raises its head. (CP)

The express hurries towards death and destruction... the line destroyed by a rocket from the evil Luthor... only Superman can save the day as he becomes a "human" girder.

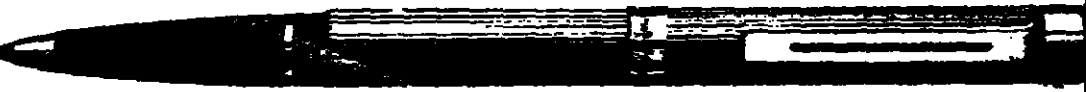
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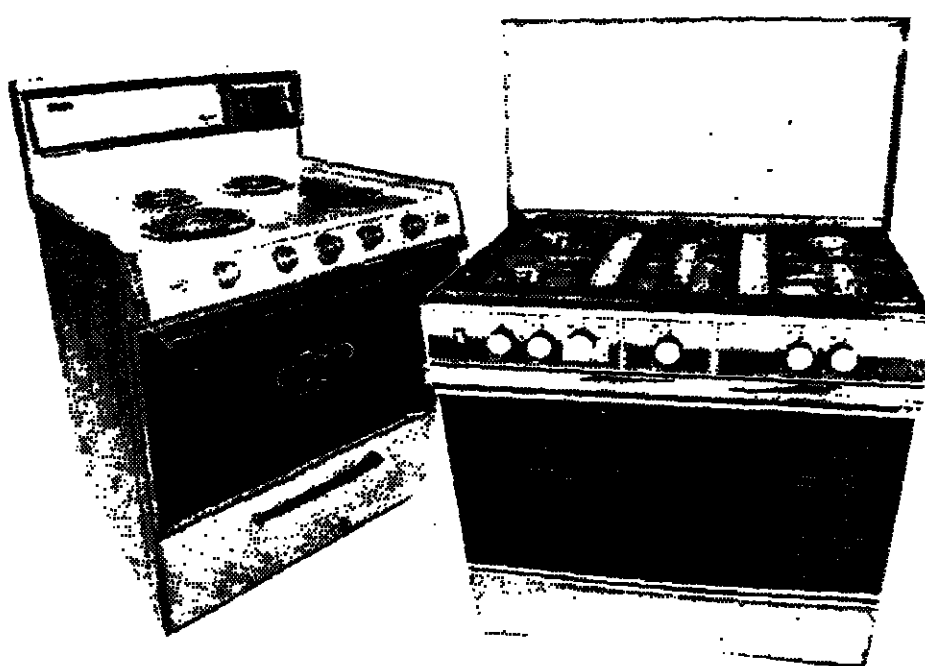
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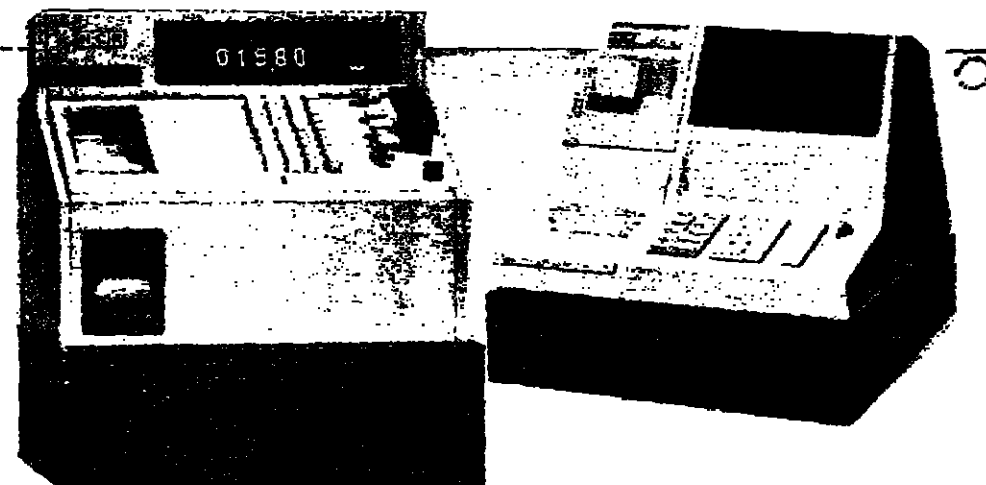
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Saudi team coach quits in major soccer shakeup

By James Buchanan
JEDDAH, Dec. 27—Saudi national team coach Ronnie Allen has resigned in reorganization of a major Saudi soccer after the Kingdom's disappointing performance at the Asian Games soccer tournament earlier this month.

The Saudi Soccer Federation Wednesday accepted Allen's resignation at a meeting chaired by Prince Faisal bin Fahd, director general of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare which manages sport in the Kingdom.

The meeting was also attended by Prince Fahd bin Sultan, deputy director general, who led the Saudi delegation to Bangkok, and Dr. Abdul Fatah Nazer, director of the national team who delivered a report on the team's performance there. After a series of disappointing results, the Saudi team was eliminated in the first round.

According to the Saudi Press Agency, Allen gave "family reasons which prevent him from continuing in the position" as reasons for quitting.

The federation asked David Field to take over as caretaker coach. SPA said.



QUIT: Ronnie Allen

Allen, a former manager of West Bromwich Albion, arrived in the Kingdom in January to prepare the team for Bangkok and the Gulf Games in March. He was hired by the British firm managed by soccer commentator Jimmy Hill, which was commissioned in 1976 to upgrade Saudi soccer under a 25 million pound contract.

Although the federation was not available for comment, it appears that the Jimmy Hill organization will not be retained after the Gulf Games.

In an interview with the *Damman* daily "Al-Yom" this week, Prince Faisal criticized Saudi soccer planning and the program of forming our management to a foreign company. "I have never in my life heard of such a system," he said.

"The Bangkok results have drawn our attention to our drawbacks. I have formed a committee which will replace the federation after the Gulf season and the Jimmy Hill Company should leave for home with our thanks," he said.

The committee will include owners and officials of the major Premier League clubs and will be chaired by Prince Faisal, "Al-Yom" said. The paper named Prince Takal bin Mansur, president of Ittihad club, and Prince Khaled bin Fahd, its acting president, from Abi, Prince Khaled bin Abdullah, president and Prince Muhammad Abdullah Al-Faisal, chief honorary member, from Nair, Prince Saad Al-Faisal, acting president and Dr. Jamal Al-Sharawi, assistant manager, from Ittifaq, President Abdullah Al-Dahl and from Hilal, acting president Abdul Rahman bin Said.



GOING HOME: Jimmy Hill with Dr. Abdul Fatah Nazer of the national team at the clubhouse of Coventry City ground, where the national team spent six weeks training at the end of 1976.

In Melbourne event

Top-seed Vilas struggles past unknown Australian

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 27 (R)—Argentine ace Guillermo Vilas struggled through his first-round match in the \$300,000 Australian Open at Kooyong Wednesday, taking nearly three hours to defeat little-known Sydney player Terry Rocavert. 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

The top-seeded left hander, guided by his mentor Ion Tiriac sitting behind the court, is still struggling to master the Australian grass court.

Heavy weekend rain slowed the court and it should have been made to order for Vilas' ground strokes. But he had to fight for every point as Rocavert peppered him with passing shots.

Vilas led 5-2 on the tie breaker in the second set only to see the Australian reel off five consecutive points to grab the set.

The Australian did not have the experience or the shots to press home his advantage as he allowed Vilas to scramble out of trouble on a tie breaker in the fourth set.

Young American Tim Wilkison crashed in the first round to local favorite Allan Stone. Stone took only 85 minutes to win 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

War forces Bayi to stay at home

DAR ES SALAAM, Dec. 27 (R)—World 1,500-meters record holder Filbert Bayi has had to cancel a series of indoor races in the United States in the new year because of Tanzania's border conflict with Uganda.

The National Sports Council said Wednesday: "at the moment it would not be ideal for our world champion to take part in international meetings when at home our brothers and sisters are fighting to defend our land."

Brearley injured during practice

MELBOURNE, Australia Dec. 27 (AP)—England Test captain Mike Brearley had six stitches in a hospital in Melbourne Wednesday after being struck above the right eye by a ball in the nets.

Team officials said later he would be fit for the third Test against Australia which begins here Friday.

'It's a disgrace' Bucks massacre Pistons, 143-84

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Detroit's coach, Dick Vitale, sat calmly and in control of his temper as he watched the Milwaukee Bucks humiliate his Pistons, 143-84.

Inside he was burning, and after the game it all came out. "This was a disgrace to basketball," he said following Tuesday night's 59-point shellacking, which was just four points shy of the most lopsided result in the history of the National Basketball Association. Los Angeles beat Golden State 162-99 in March.

"There were little kids out there tonight who would have played NBA basketball for a dollar," said Vitale. "Too many guys in this league don't want to play. They play on past credentials. It's a disgrace."

"We should all take our checks for tonight and donate them to charity. To make those poor people sit through that, it totally rips you inside. What's wrong with the American way? You should be able to go to work for two hours. Two hours a lot of guys out there had to work all day in a factory today, and then paid 7 or 8 dollars at Christmas time to see that. It's a disgrace."

In other NBA games, the Houston Rockets beat the

Kansas City Kings, 109-102. The San Antonio Spurs defeated the Atlanta Hawks, 124-111. The Washington Bullets edged the Indiana Pacers, 108-104, the Phoenix Suns trounced the Denver Nuggets, 106-102, the New Orleans Jazz nipped the Los Angeles Lakers, 125-123 and the San Diego Clippers beat the Chicago Bulls, 115-109.

Meanwhile in Washington, the U.S. government has decided states do not have to make their high school girls' basketball teams play under the same rules as the boys' teams.

Health, Education and Welfare secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. said Tuesday his department is rejecting complaints that schools discrimi-

nate against female students if the only basketball program they offer is the six-player, half-court variety.

"Whether a school has six-player, half-court basketball is entirely up to it, if its overall athletic program is non-discriminatory," Califano said.

Six-player basketball has been a popular women's sport since early in the century, and is still played in high schools in Tennessee, Iowa, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Other states have shifted their program in recent years to the full-court version with five players.

Feminists have claimed that making girls play six-player basketball violates a section of the 1972 Education Act that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in schools receiving federal aid.

In Miami

U.S. march planned if S. African fights

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—U.S. civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson said Tuesday he will lead a demonstration on Jan. 13 in Miami Beach if the CBS television network and the promoters of a fight involving a former South African policeman do not withdraw from the bout.

Kallie Knoetze, second-ranked in the heavyweight division by the World Boxing Association, is scheduled to

fight Bill Sharkey.

Knoetze has been convicted twice, once for "conspiring to defeat the ends of justice" and once on three offences involving a barroom brawl. He resigned on Nov. 6 from the Pretoria, police force.

Authorities said Knoetze, who is white, also shot a 15-year-old black in 1977.

The bout, Knoetze's first in

the United States, is being promoted by Madison Square Garden and Chris Dundee. The Rev. Jackson said the bout is to be televised by CBS.

Jackson, head of Operation Push, said a telegram was sent Tuesday to Carl Lindeman president of CBS Sports, and Sonny Werblin of Madison Square Garden asking them to "dissociate themselves from this character."

"If they do not withdraw, operation push will also be picketing their corporate headquarters in New York."

Evangelista KO's Italian to retain European title

BOLOGNA, Italy, Dec. 27 (R)—Alfredo Evangelista of Spain retained his European heavyweight boxing title when he knocked out Italian challenger Dante Cane in the fourth round here Tuesday.

In a turbulent and confusing finish to the scheduled 15-round bout, the 38-year-old challenger hit the canvas 55 seconds into the fourth round and was counted out before he lifted his arm, signalling that

he was retiring. West German referee Rudolf Durst later declared the bout a knock-out victory after an announcement that Cane had retired.

It was Cane's second unsuccessful attempt to win the crown for the Uruguayan-born Evangelista — 14 years his junior — it was a third victorious defence of the title he won in September 1977.

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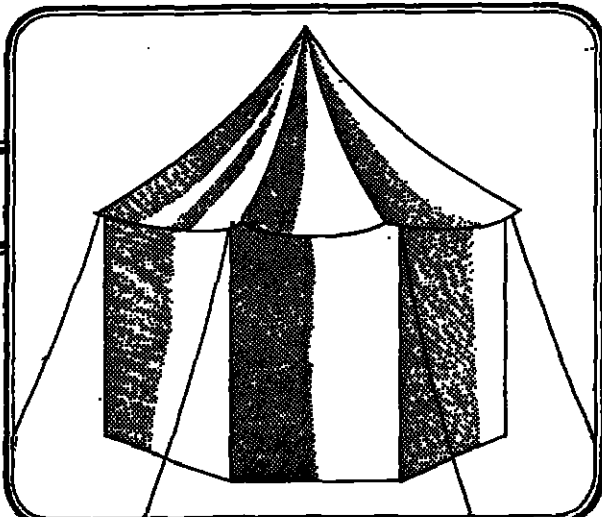
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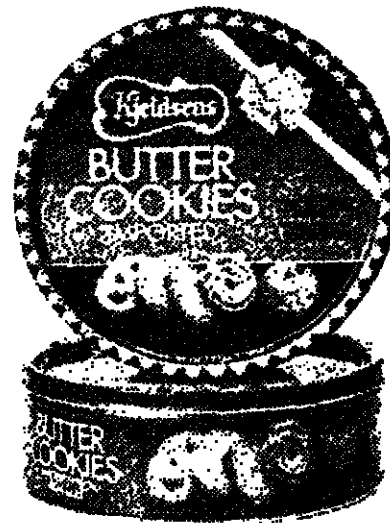
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Rich, poor nations meet today on economic order

RUNAWAY BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 27 (R) — The rich, poor and in-between nations of the world meet here Thursday to try to find ways of restarting the stalled North-South Dialogue on a new economic order.

Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley has brought together leaders from Europe, North America, Latin America, Africa and Australia for two days of informal discussions which he hopes will lead to a more equitable distribution of the world's riches.

The two-day conference is officially termed an informal get-together and no concrete proposals, or even a final communiqué, are expected.

The participants will explore fresh approaches to the North-South Dialogue which for three years has made little progress toward its goal of stabilizing world commodity prices.

The recent decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to raise oil prices 14.5 per cent next year also seems certain to

be a major issue.

Diplomatic sources said Manley purposely invited three oil exporting countries to the summit — Nigeria, Norway and Venezuela — in anticipation of a new oil price rise.

President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela is seen in the Caribbean as the Third World's champion among oil-producing countries. He recently attacked the "stubborn attitude and lack of understanding of the industrialized nations."

He said the industrialized nations were prolonging a dangerous situation and contributing to the paralysis of their own economies.

Manley had hoped that both President Jimmy Carter and Prime Minister James Callaghan would attend the summit. The announcement that they will go to a meeting called by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in Guadeloupe in a few days has not been welcomed in Jamaica.

The idea for the conference, originally scheduled for June, came out of a meeting last February between Manley and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, the only man who will be attending both conferences.

He will presumably report to Carter, Callaghan and Giscard on the outcome of the talks here.

The drying-up of Iranian oil exports and the spread of political violence to neighboring Turkey greatly increased the demand for gold, especially from the Middle East, and the price of gold rose nearly \$6 an ounce over Friday's closing level.

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Helmut Schmidt

Intervention helps

Greenback back against the wall

LONDON, Dec. 27 (R) —

The dollar fell sharply when European foreign exchange markets reopened Wednesday after the holidays — with the deteriorating situation in Iran apparently the main factor behind its renewed weakness.

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Egypt initials deal to seek oil in Suez

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (R) — Egypt has initialed an \$18 million agreement with an American company for oil exploration in the Gulf of Suez, director of the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) Ibrahim Radwan said Wednesday.

Radwan said Egypt and the Quintana Company initialed the agreement on Dec. 17 which gave the company the right to

explore east of Shukair on the west coast of the Gulf of Suez.

The company will pay \$1 million as signing bonus and committed itself to spend \$18 million on exploration over eight years.

According to the agreement the company gets 30 per cent as a recovery cost if oil is found. The rest would be divided 20 per cent for the company and 80 per cent for Egypt, Radwan said.

If oil production exceeds 100,000 barrels a day Egypt's share would be 83 per cent and if it exceeds 200,000 barrels Egypt's share jumps to 85 per cent, Radwan added.

\$600m loans to boost Taiwan trade

TAIPEI, Dec. 27 (AP) — Nationalist China's Central Bank will offer \$600 million in loans to technology-intensive and major export industries as part of a program to increase trade, the government said Wednesday. The decision was made at an economic meeting Tuesday presided over by President Chiang Ching-kuo. Some \$300 million will go to promote and develop technology-intensive industries and the other \$300 million will be lent to major export industries.

Last Concorde makes test flight

PARIS, Dec. 27 (R) — The last of the Concorde supersonic airliners built in France and Britain made a successful test flight Wednesday, a spokesman for the French Aerospace Company reported. He said the plane flew for four and a half hours.

Indian bank staff to strike today

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (R) — India's bank employees will go on strike for two days Thursday to back wage demands. Employees began a work-to-rule 12 day strike, disrupting the clearance of checks and blocking several million rupees (dollars) worth of payments.

Kuwait, Abu Dhabi agree to build Indonesian road

JAKARTA, Dec. 27 (R) — Kuwait and Abu Dhabi have announced plans to help in the construction of a 40-kilometer road in north Sumatra, a public works ministry official announced Wednesday.

Director General Suryatni

said that the two countries had agreed to give a loan of \$30 million, or 60 per cent of the total construction costs.

The road will connect Medan, the north Sumatra provincial capital, with the seaport of Belawan.

Iraq, India in agreement to boost trade relations

BAGHDAD, Dec. 27 (R) — Iraq and India Wednesday signed an agreement providing for closer technical, commercial, industrial and cultural co-operation between the two countries, the Iraq News Agency (INA) reported.

The document was signed at the end of the fifth session of the Iraq-Indian joint committee for economic, commercial and technical cooperation.

Ghanem Abdul-Jalil, member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna, visiting Indian Minister of Chemicals, Fertilizers and Petroleum, signed the document.

The next meeting of the joint committee will be held in New Delhi in mid-November next year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	6.64	6.75	6.75
Deutsche Mark (100)	1.82	181.00	181.00
Swiss F (100)	2.04	204.50	204.50
French F (100)	0.79	79.50	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.15	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	112.50	113.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	86.15
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.32
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg	—	23,150	—
10 Tola bar	—	2,710	—
Silver kg bar	—	665	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and commerce, Cabel St., Jeddah. SAMA rates announced Wednesday in Jeddah by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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* " " "	Building of a vegetable and meat market of 12 markets under Project No. 2-68D/11	xx	600	Jan. 10
* " " "	Fencing of graveyards and construction of a wash-house for the dead under project No. 4-68D/11	xx	2000	Jan. 10
* Municipality of Onaizah	Securing of municipality's agricultural requirements as per specifications	6	30	Jan. 21
* " " "	Painting of electric poles	3	20	Jan. 21
* " " "	Water pipes and joints (for the second time)	4	20	Jan. 21
* " " "	Securing of uniforms for laborers	7	50	Jan. 21



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2-Recent Arrivals

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3-Wessels Expected With in 24 Hours

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BENEFACOR	ALIREZA	GENERAL	27 12 1978
CASTLE GLORY	STAR NAV.	DURRA	27 12 1978
WILRI	MEDCO	CONTAINERS	27 12 1978
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ZINIA	ALSAADA	BAGGED CEMENT	27 12 1978
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4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 65385

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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TIME: 0700 HRS.

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6	HUGH PRIDE	KANOU	GEN CONTRS	25 12 1978
7	APOLLOX	GULF	GENERAL	25 12 1978
10	AL RAHMAN	GULF	LOADING UREA	25 12 1978
11	CLIMAX PEARL	U.E.P.	RICE BAGS	26 12 1978
12	TURRIALBA	SEA	BANANAS	26 12 1978
13	MARABHARAT	SEA	GEN RICE	26 12 1978
14	KOTA MAWAR	SEA	GENERAL	26 12 1978
15	AL KHALIDIAH	KANOU	STEEL GEN	26 12 1978
17	CHAR HWA	KANOU	GEN TIM STL	26 12 1978
18	NADIA	KANOU	C. CEMENT	26 12 1978
19	BRILLIANI STAR	ALSAADA	STEEL GEN	26 12 1978
20	STRATHDRA	KANOU	GENERAL	26 12 1978
21	EASTERN WAVE (O.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	26 12 1978
26	GOLDEN MISTRAL	KANOU	CARS	26 12 1978
27	ARIES CHIEF	KANOU	SHEEP	26 12 1978

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STRATHDRA	KANOU	GENERAL	26 12 1978
KOTA MAWAR	SEA	GENERAL	26 12 1978
ASEAN PROGRESS	KANOU	CONTAINERS	26 12 1978
GOLDEN MISTRAL	KANOU	CARS	26 12 1978
TURRIAL BA	ORRI	BANANAS	26 12 1978

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

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LYLA	BARBER	—	—
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BERN BATESLEIN	KANOU	—	—
THOMAS MAERSK	KANOU	—	—
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WINONA	KANOU	—	—
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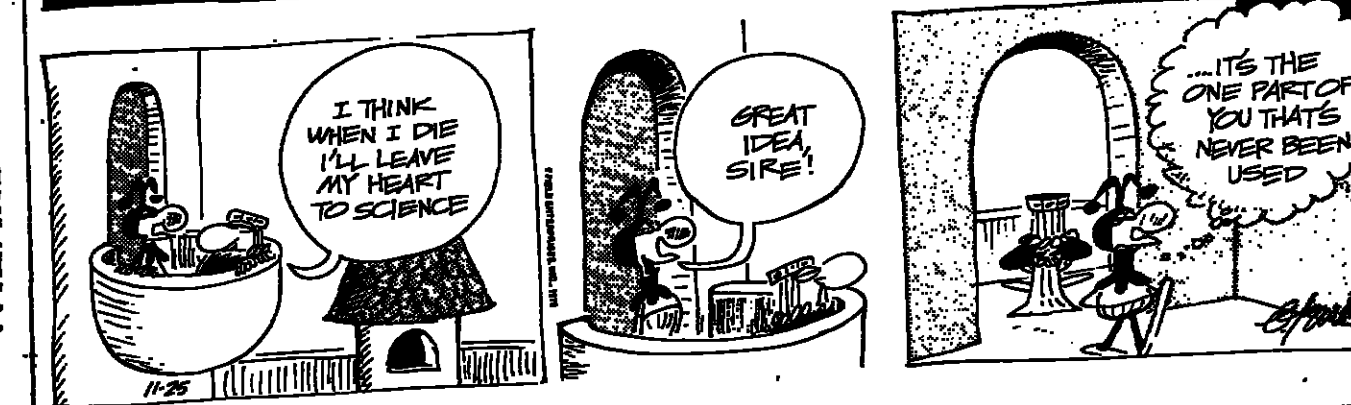
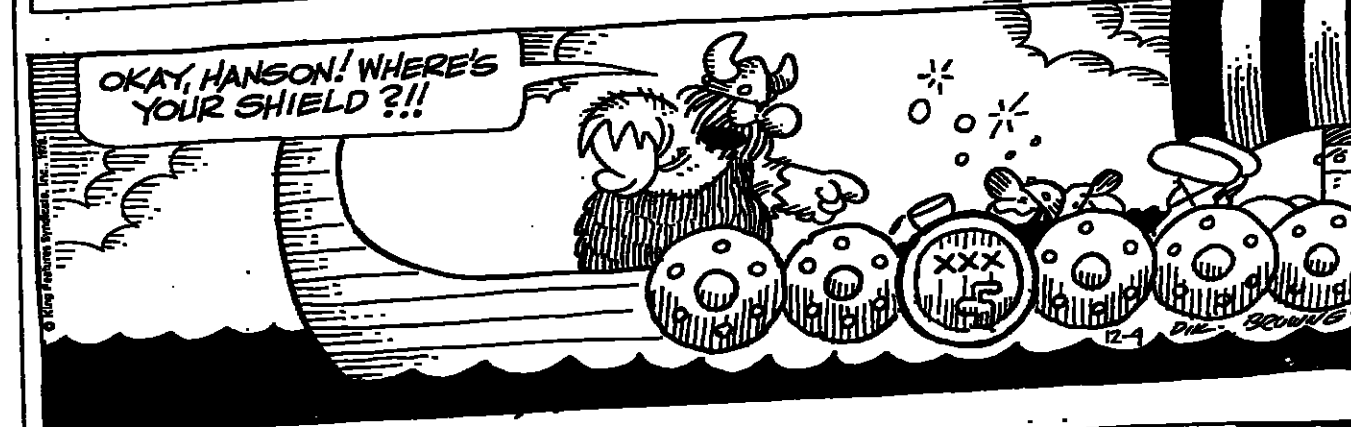
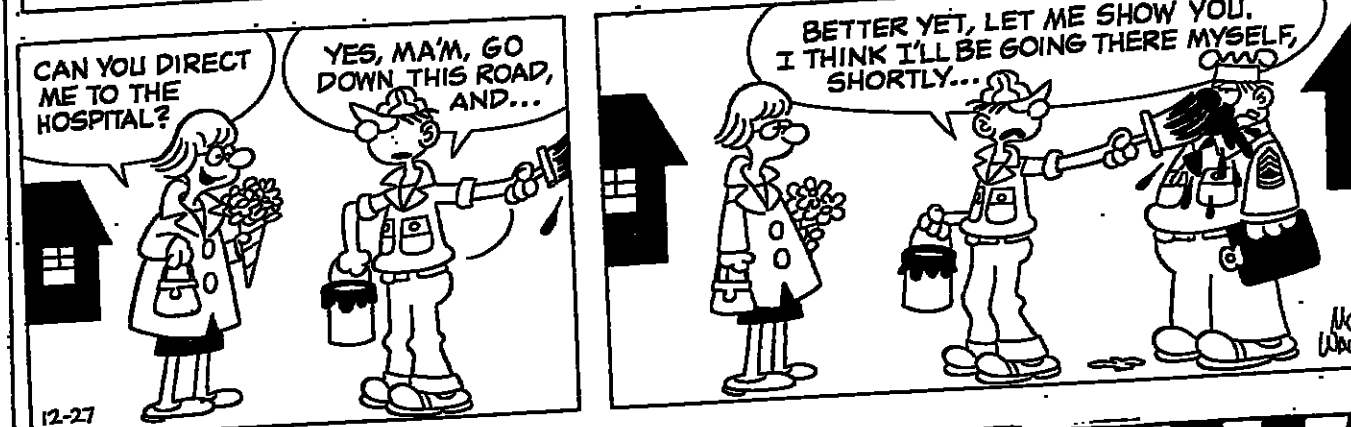
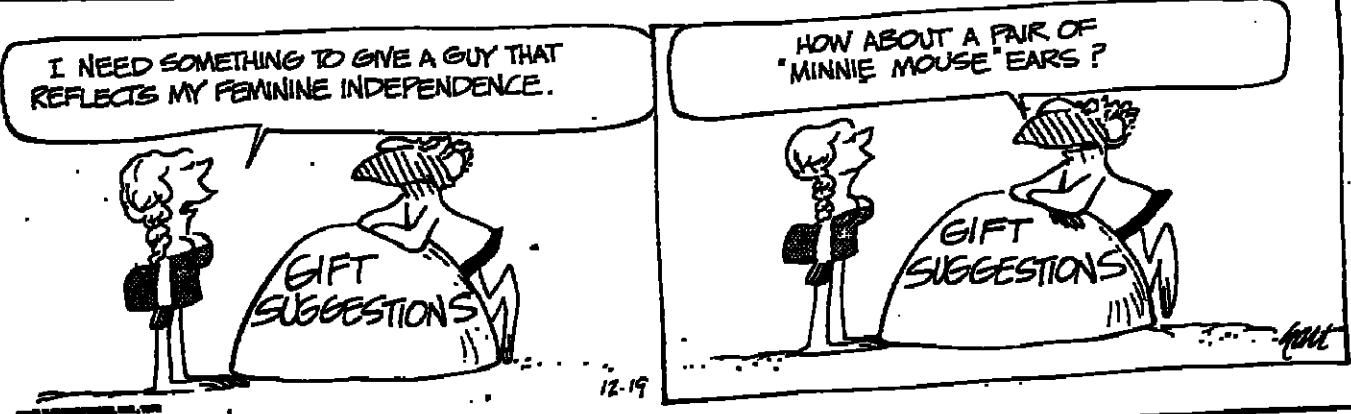
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 - 5 "Taxi Driver"
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by B. Jay Becker

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:37	7:03	12:28	3:33	5:50	7:20
Medina	5:43	7:09	12:30	3:29	5:45	7:15
Nejd	5:08	6:38	11:56	2:56	5:12	6:42

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	Top Cat: Space Monkey
4:30 Fantastic Four	The Micro World of Dr. Doom
4:51 Wide World of Sports	IROC No. 1 Inter. Race
5:43 Waltons	The Test
6:31 Welcome Back Kotter	And Baby Makes Four Part I
7:05 That's My Mama	The Witness
7:30 Charles Angels	Lady Killers
8:16 Saint III	The Angel's Eye
9:04 Best Sellers	Wheels Part II

WEATHER

Temperatures will continue to fall in the central and eastern regions. Moderate weather in most regions cooler at night specially in the northern region which is expected to be frosty during the night and early morning hours. Surface winds mostly north westerly to north easterly, light to moderate speed. Sea condition calm to moderate.

Wednesday's temperature (maximum, minimum in centigrade)	Jizan	Tabuk	Rafha	Yanbu	K. Mesheir	Abha
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Dhahran	26	16	21	21	05	05
Medina	26	16	21	21	05	05
Taif	23	13	18	19	04	05

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Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:15 S.A. Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:20 Off the Record	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
1:25 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
1:30 On Islam	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
1:35 Islam the Divine Truth	11:10 Press Review
1:40 Music	11:15 The Sixties
1:45 NEWS	11:45 The World of Utair
1:50 Press Review	12:00 Islamic Contributions
1:55 Music	12:15 The Songwriters
2:00 My Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
2:05 Close Down	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	8:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:30 Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analysis	11:00 Special English; News
9:30 Dateline	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 News Summary	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:00 Special English: News; Features; The Making of a Nation	12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents reports... media comments... news analyses.
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup	
10:30 Reports: Actualities	
10:50 Opinion; Analysis	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6:00 Radio Newsweek
8:30 *Sarah Ward	6:15 *Outlook
8:45 World Today	7:00 World News
9:00 Newsweek	7:09 Commentary
9:30 *Opera Star	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
10:00 World News	7:45 World Today
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	8:00 World News
10:30 *Sarah Ward	8:09 *Books and Writers
10:45 *Something to Show You	8:30 *Take One
11:00 World News	8:45 Sports Round-up
11:09 Reflections	9:00 World News
11:15 Piano Style	9:09 News about Britain
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	9:15 Radio Newsweek
12:00 World News	9:30 Farming World
12:09 British Press Review	10:00 Outlook News Summary
12:15 World Today	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:30 Financial News	10:43 Look Ahead
12:40 Look Ahead	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:45 The Tony Mait Request Show	11:00 World News
12:59 Close Down	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
	Midnight Transmission
	12:15 Talkabout
	12:45 Nature Notebook
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	1:35 Book Choice
	1:40 Reflections
	1:45 Sports Round-up
	2:00 World News
	2:09 Commentary
	2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎

If anything is bothering you inside, talk it out with others, and before you know it, insights gained will lift depression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏

Take advantage of financial openings today, but at the same time restrain an urge to part with newly acquired resources.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐

You can safely take the initiative in planning social and romantic outings now. Others are very supportive and this brings out the best in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑

Creative work will go very well today, if you will get off by yourself and refuse to let yourself be distracted from the job at hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒

Make sure you get in touch with friends for a get-together. Otherwise, it will be hard to keep your mind on the job today.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓

You should be happy about career prospects now. If not, there's no better time than the present to get things going.

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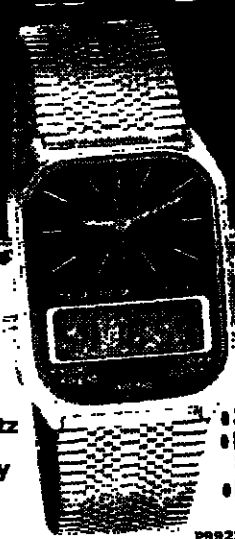
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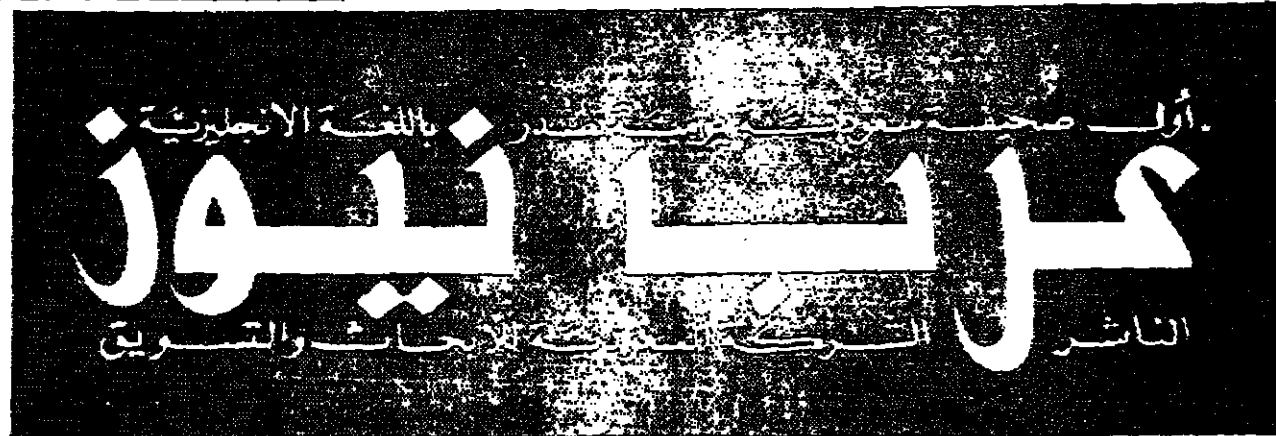
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Late News

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Urges U.K. to take over

White minister resigns in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, Dec. 27 (AP) — A white Rhodesian cabinet minister Wednesday resigned from the biracial government, charging that peace efforts had failed. He called on Britain to take over the administration.

Rodlo Hayman, co-minister of Internal Affairs in a transition government steering the country to black majority rule by April 20, 1979, issued a statement expressing doubts about the "viability" of a constitutional agreement signed between Prime Minister Ian Smith and three moderate black leaders last March.

He was the fifth member of the transition government, comprising nine blacks and nine whites sharing cabinet portfolios, to either quit or be dismissed.

He resigned posts in both the government and Smith's white-dominated Rhodesian Front Party at a time when the seven-year war with guerrillas seeking control of the territory is escalating and hopes for an internationally arranged peace formula are dimming.

Hayman said in Wednesday's statement he believed the present course set for majority rule in a country governed previously by the white minority would not end the war or win international recognition.

Not one country has recognized the March 3 accord, dismissed also by the Patriotic

Front of Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe as a prelude to the creation of a puppet regime.

"... I am leaving the party. I do not want to live under a Marxist government," Hayman said in a statement.

Gloomy Outlook
Hayman forecast intimidation by guerrillas would result in a low turnout among the three million eligible voters in the country's first popular elections involving the previously disenfranchised black majority. He expressed doubts

whether the newly elected government would win international recognition, halt United Nations sanctions, end the war and attract military supplies to fight the guerrillas.

Hayman, regarded as a rightwinger in Smith's conservative party, said he thought the next government would "probably fall in a matter of months under guerrilla pressure."

Noting that Britain and the United States had in successive peace plans suggested a British administrator take con-

trol of the country and elections. Hayman suggested this course was the only solution to Rhodesia's woes.

Mother Country
He urged the administration to surrender power to a British administrator rather than allow the creation of "an unstable government which is not recognized and probably will not survive."

Britain remains recognized by the United Nations as the sole governing authority over its African colony despite the Unilateral Declaration of Independence by Smith and the previous white minority government Nov. 11, 1965.

Since then Rhodesia has been the target of sanctions, and an escalating guerrilla war that has cost 15,000 lives, as it taps more than half of the national budget, and Smith has been forced to concede an end to 90 years of white rule.

Hayman's resignation came as a surprise to most independent observers here who noted that most conservatives in Smith's party and government usually oppose any surrender of power to Britain and invariably express confidence about the war effort.

Hayman said he would stand as an independent when a by-election to fill his seat in the still white-dominated 66-strong legislature is held in the next few weeks.

Hayman's announcement was the first major political blow to Smith since two of his cabinet ministers in the previous government quit key security posts early last year.

Spain's king ratifies new democratic era

MADRID, Dec. 27 (R) — King Juan Carlos Wednesday signed and endorsed Spain's new constitution, which lays the foundations for democracy after nearly four decades of right wing dictatorship.

The king put his signature to the 169-article document with a gold pen at a special joint session of the two houses of parliament—the Senate and the Congress.

In a brief speech that brought parliamentarians to their feet in a standing ovation, the king said the constitution was for everyone, including himself. He pledged, as the symbol of the unity of Spain, to respect and serve it.

In an obvious reference to the 1936-39 civil war that brought General Franco to power, the king said that if



King Juan Carlos

Spaniards had now learned to respect the opinions of others "We will be able to bury forever irreconcilable differences, racism, hatred and violence."

After 9 years of war

Temples of Angkor see tourists again

ANGKOR, Cambodia Dec. 27 (AP) — Communist Cambodia reopened the temples of Angkor to tourism Wednesday, with foreign correspondents getting a whirlwind tour of these ancient masterpieces closed to most outsiders by nearly nine years of war and revolution.

No major war damage to the edifices was apparent but neither was there any evidence of restoration and maintenance, which archaeologists say must be a continual process to fight off the ravages of heat, stagnant water, fungi and tree roots which attack and crumble the stones.

The 16 journalists saw most of the temples as whirling images from a bus that moved along at a 30 kilometer an hour clip and from which they were not allowed to disembark.

The 12th century bayon, with its forest of 54 towers each carved with four haunting faces, was passed by in about a minute, while some of the more than 600 other monuments popped out and faded again into the jungle.

Only after negotiations between the Thai organizers and the Cambodians were the journalists allowed 45 minutes to rush through Angkor Wat, regarded as the supreme achievement at Angkor and the largest standing religious building in the world.

The Cambodians said they had sent a message to the Brawan Trust Com. last Sunday asking that the inaugural flight be made by Thai only as a symbol of friendship between the neighboring countries, and they also talked about security precautions, after the murder of a British scholar in Phnom Penh last week.

The Thais, eager to get publicity for their commercial venture, said they had not received the message. The journalists were restricted to the airport terminal for three hours after their morning bus tour but the Thais later managed to persuade the Cambodians to grant the Angkor Wat visit.

Regular tours, open to all nationalities but South Africans, Israelis, South Koreans and Taiwanese, begin Jan. 1, with tourists paying \$225 for six and a half hours of sightseeing at three temples and a lunch before flying back to Bangkok. One travel agent said that about 50,000 Japanese have already expressed interest in coming.

There is little chance that foreign visitors to Angkor will be able to peer through the veil of secrecy thrown around the country by its ultra-radical rulers when they seized power in 1975, and to judge the truth of repeated reports of mass executions and brutality.



PARIS IN WINTER: One of the most famous boulevards in the world, the Champs Elysee, is almost deserted on this winter day. L'Arc de Triomphe looms in front of two intrepid window shoppers. The light snow later turned into a heavy blizzard.

Denies supporting violence

Mrs. Gandhi to keep fighting

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (R) — Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, freed after a week in jail, Wednesday urged her Congress Party to continue agitation against the government of Morarji Desai.

At least 19 people have already been killed in violence which erupted in many states after Mrs. Gandhi's imprisonment. More than 100,000 of her supporters launched a "fill the jails" campaign and were arrested.

Wednesday she told her parliamentary party that action against the Desai government should be effective and not just demonstrative.

"Meetings, processions and demonstrations should be organized to educate people from village to village," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi, 60, who was expelled from the lower house and jailed for breach of privilege and contempt of parliament. In the ensuing nationwide protests by her supporters buses were burnt, shops looted and trains held up.

She has said she will fight another by-election to return to parliament and hinted Tuesday night that she might cooperate with Desai's opponents in the ruling Janata Party.

She told reporters at her home she would accept cooperation from Charan Singh, dismissed as home minister by Desai six months ago, if he

went along with her Congress Party's programs.

Mrs. Gandhi also said she had expected protests over her arrest, "but I don't think my people indulged in any violence. There were agents provoking it."

Cooperation between Mrs. Gandhi and Singh, who claims the backing of about 70 Janata MPs, would add a new dimension to India's fluid political situation.

Until a few months ago Singh was a bitter critic of the former premier. But Mrs. Gandhi spoke in complimentary

terms about him Tuesday and described last week's rally on Singh's 76th birthday as a tremendous success.

Desai has been under pressure from some members of his own party, including Singh, to investigate corruption charges against his son, Kant.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Lal Advani, who is also the leader of the upper house, resigned Tuesday because of the way demands for an investigation were handled in parliament. But his cabinet colleagues persuaded him to stay on.

48-hour strike hobbles Spain's national carrier

MADRID, Dec. 27 (AP) — An estimated 2,300 cabin attendants and ticket agents struck the Spanish National Airline Iberia Wednesday, forcing delays in domestic and international flights and limiting food service to box lunches.

The 48-hour strike was to force the company to negotiate a single contract with employees instead of a separate agreement for pilots.

A company spokesman said no flights had been cancelled, but acknowledged there were lines at check-in counters and some takeoff delays.

FAA acts on mid-air crashes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration Wednesday announced a "sweeping and comprehensive" safety program intended to provide increased protection against mid-air collisions at airports that serve 5 per cent of all scheduled airline travelers.

Only 67 per cent of travelers now receive such protection.

The program was prompted by an FAA investigation of the Sept. 25 collision between a jetliner and a small private plane at San Diego that killed 144 persons, America's worst air accident.

Faa Administrator Langhorne Bond told a news conference the program is expected to reduce by 80 per cent the number of near collisions involving airliners operating above 10,000 feet.

The plan calls for increasing radar services at 60 air carrier airports, establishing mandatory terminal control areas at additional locations and putting most of the busiest air routes above 10,000 feet under direct air traffic control.

"Soon, most airline passengers will travel their entire trip under positive air traffic control," Bond said.

He said the FAA will also propose rules requiring widespread use of altitude reporting transponders by all aircraft operators, and installation of collision avoidance systems in most airliners as soon as the equipment becomes available.

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News Agency reported.

Lebanon's state radio switched to special programs, including readings from the Koran, after announcing the death.

From London Queen Elizabeth cabled her condolences on Algeria's "premature and sad loss."

President Tito of Yugoslavia expressed his deep sorrow and shock and praised Boumedienne as a humanist and fighter for noble ideals of non-alignment "and as an outstanding champion of establishing more just relations between states and peoples."

In Beirut, the Palesti-

nian commando movement described the death as a major loss to the Arab progressive movement.

Soviet media paid tribute to one of the Kremlin's closest friends in the Arab world. A first report on his death by the official news agency Tass said that "Houari Boumedienne made a great contribution to Algeria's social and economic progress. Under his leadership the Republic of Algeria took the socialist road of development."

One of the first Western tributes was from West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who cabled Bitat to say: "I

Boumedienne

share the sorrow of the Algerian people, who have lost a great president."

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, whose nation ruled Algeria until it became independent in 1962, sent Bitat a message declaring that "President Boumedienne will be remembered in his country's history as a statesman whose burning wish was to place Algeria in the forefront of countries to win renown on the international scene."

Officials in Bahrain reported that it and other Gulf states had proclaimed a week-long mourning period. Flags will fly to half-mast in homage to President Boumedienne, they added.

An official Moroccan commentary broadcast by Rabat radio expressed the hope that Algeria's new leaders would put the Algerian revolution "back on the rails" and enable Arab North Africa "to get out of the tunnel into which it was run by an era which we hope will not return again."

Somali

They were shown around the academy by its commander, Brig. Gen. Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh.

Prince Sultan gave a luncheon banquet in honor of Samantar and his delegation at the armed forces club which was attended by a number of princes, ministers and senior officers.

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